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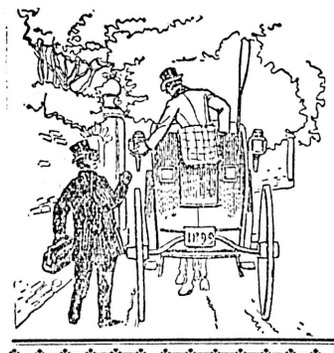

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Ora and Flora Bound Out From Dawson With Crowds of Klondikers.

Output Will Be Larger This Year—New Strike Near Bennett.

News was brought by the steamers Danube and Cottage City, the first of which arrived on Sunday evening and the latter early yesterday morning, that the Yukon is now free of ice between Bennett and Dawson City and for some considerable distance below the Klondike capital. Steamers and scows are running on the river and lakes, which at last reports were rapidly rising, carrying freight and passengers.

Again the honor of having the first of the river steamers to reach Dawson belongs to a Victoria company, for, according to a private message to a member of the Colonist staff from Dawson City, the Klondike Corporation's sternwheeler Flora arrived at Dawson City on Wednesday last with a full cargo of freight and as many passengers as she could accommodate. The steamer Ora, of the same line, was following close behind her and was due at Dawson on Friday. She was also loaded to her capacity. The Flora sailed from Dawson on her way back to the White Horse on Thursday last, and the Ora was to follow her on Saturday. Thus it will not be long before the crowds of Yukoners begin to reach this city with their golden store, and tell of the results of this year's clean-up.

According to advices which have reached the Coast by telegraph, the clean-up is expected to be larger than that of last year—the thawing machines having greatly augmented the dumps on all the creeks.

The output of the Klondike for this season is estimated at $30,000,000 at Dawson. The thawing machines, in use during the winter, will be used during the summer season in pumping water from the various claims.

The Ora and Flora are not the only steamers which started down when the Yukon river opened to navigation after being six months in the grip of the ice. Telegrams received at the office of the White Pass railway at Skagway report two steamers passing Big Salmon bound up, on the 17th. Many scows are also starting down the river. At Bennett the Gleaner was at her wharf on Tuesday last, and expected to leave on the following day for Atlin. A number of scows are being built by the various mills at the lake-head to carry freight to Dawson and for sale to those taking goods down the lower river. The new steamer of the John Irving Co. is rapidly nearing completion, and a steam scow of 200 tons capacity and scows capable of carrying 150 tons are about completed for the railway company.

A great crowd are awaiting transportation to Dawson, Koyukuk and Nome at Bennett. This town will soon cease to be the headquarters for the Klondiker, for on July 31 Bennett will pass and White Horse will become the depot. The railway will have completed its line and will be running trains into White Pass, which is 111 miles from Skagway, connecting there with the upper Yukon steamers, by the end of this month; but it will not be until the end of July that the line along the lakes will be completed, and connection will until then be made by steamer from Bennett.

At White Horse, the railway company proposes to establish large coal bunkers for the Canadian Development Company's steamers, with whom an amalgamation was recently made.

In all eleven hundred men are employed on the railway extension, the company paying out $60,000 per month.

News is given of a new and rich find on Lake Bennett, seven miles down the lake from the town and about opposite Camp B. A ledge of quartz has been located, a sample of which now in the possession of Manager Hawkins of the Y. P. R., assayed $60 to the ton in gold and silver.

Quite a rush is on to Koyukuk. The steamer Florence S., one of those which have started down the river, is bound there, under charter to Capt. Sid. Barrington, carrying a large number of stampeders. Her charterer expects her to ascend the Koyukuk to the diggings without difficulty. Repeated reports of rich strikes on the Koyukuk, according to news from Dawson, promises to divert a big share of the prospective Nome rush to that district.

LOWER FRASER POLITICS.

D. J. Munn Will Not Run in Westminster—Delta Against Martin.

Vancouver, May 21.—R. L. Reid, Conservative candidate for Westminster, is authority for the statement that D. J. Munn will not run in the Royal City as an Independent anti-Martin candidate, but that the fight will be between J. C. Brown and himself.

Thos Forster, Provincial Party candidate for Delta, who was in the city today, said he had declared himself flatly as opposed to Martin, while John Oliver, although chosen at the Martin convention, had not yet decided himself in favor of Martin.

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IN SOUTH NANAIMO.

Mr. Dunsmuir Receives a Splendid Reception From the Electors.

South Wellington, May 21.—A large meeting was held here this evening in were Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Dunsmuir, dependent labor candidate. It continued until a late hour and was characterized by the best of humor. The speakers were Mr. Radcriffe and Mr. Dunsmuir, the candidates in this district; Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, Mr. Barker, of Nanaimo, and Mr. Lugrin, of Victoria. Mr. Dunsmuir made the important statement that he would replace Chinamen in his mines by white labor as soon as the latter could be procured, and instructed his foreman present to replace Chinamen by white men in any capacity as rapidly as possible. This statement evoked a prolonged chorus of applause from the whole audience. Mr. Dunsmuir, who took a very active part in the meeting, was splendidly received and undoubtedly had the great majority of those present with him. Mr. Radcliffe made a moderate speech in excellent temper and was accorded a very complimentary reception. If this matter is a criterion, Mr. Dunsmuir's prospects for election are most excellent.

Their Last Hope Has Fled

United States Will Not Depart From Neutral Policy to Please Boers.

Secretary Hay so Announces to the Disappointed Envoys At Washington.

Washington, May 21.—Secretary of State Hay this afternoon informed the Boer delegates that the President feels in the present circumstances no course is open to him except to persist in the policy of neutrality between England and the South African republics. In view of this announcement, all questions as to the character of the recognition to be extended to the delegates and the sufficiency of their credentials dropped at once into the background. It was after all of little moment whether or not the Boers were received as diplomatic agents or ministers, so long as they were powerless to promote the prime object of their mission, namely, cause the United States government to intervene to bring about peace.

A pyrotechnic discussion of the status of the Boer commissioners now in Washington was precipitated in the senate today by a resolution offered by Mr. Allen, Populist, from Nebraska, extending to the commissioners the privileges of the floor of the senate during their sojourn in the national capital. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 36 to 21, but not until after a sharp controversy between its author and Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Allen maintained that the resolution was in line with precedents, while Mr. Davis contended that in the peculiar circumstances the senate ought not to take any action that might be considered a recognition of the Boer diplomats, until the President, who alone had the power to receive diplomatic representatives, had taken action.

The Secretary of State, after consulting with the President, gave out the following statement:

"Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans, the delegates in this country of the South African republics, called today by appointment at the state department, and laid before the secretary at much length and with great energy and eloquence the merits of the controversy in South Africa, and the desire of the Boer republics that the United States should intervene in the interest of peace, and use its influence to that end with the British government. The secretary of state made the following reply:

"The President, in his message to congress last December said:

"'This government has maintained an attitude of neutrality in the unfortunate contest between Great Britain and the Boer states of Africa. We have remained faithful to the precept of avoiding entangling alliances as to affairs not of our direct concern. Had circumstances suggested that the parties to the quarrel would have welcomed any kindly expression of the hope of the American people that war might have been averted, good offices would have been gladly tendered. As the war went on, the President, while regretting the sufferings and the sacrifices endured by both of the combatants, could do nothing but preserve a strict neutrality between them. This he has steadily and consistently done, but there never has been a moment when he would have neglected any favorable occasion to use his good offices in the interests of peace.'

"On the 10th of last March we received from Mr. Hay, the United States consul at Pretoria, this telegram:

"'I am officially requested by the governments of the republics to urge your intervention with a view to cessation of hostilities. Same request made to representatives of European powers.'

The President at once directed me to convey the substance of this telegram to the British government, and in communicating this request I was directed by him to express his earnest hope that a way to bring about peace might be found, and to say that he would be glad to aid in any friendly manner to promote so happy a result. The Transvaal government was at the same time informed of the President's action in the matter. Our representative in London promptly communicated the President's instructions to Lord Salisbury. In answer he was instructed to thank the President for the friendly interest shown by him, and Lord Salisbury added that Her Majesty's government could not accept the intervention of any power. This communication also was immediately transmitted to our consul at Pretoria, to

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Pretorians Fleeing

Women and Children Sent Out of the Country in Great Haste.

British Forces are Now Within Forty Miles of Johannesburg.

Story of How Mahon Raced the Boers to Reach Mafeking.

London, May 22.—(3:30 a. m.)--British horsemen, according to a despatch from Lorenzo Marques, are now close to the Vaal river, within 40 miles of Johannesburg. The migration from Pretoria has begun. Women and children are being sent in trains to Machadadorp, on the way to Lydenberg. Trains are arriving at Lorenzo Marques filled with passengers, among whom are many Germans bound for Europe.

Some details of Col. Mahon's Mafeking relief expedition are now coming through from wayside points. It was one long rush to Mafeking. Mr. C. E. Hands, the Daily Mail's correspondent mentioned in Lord Roberts' despatch to the war office as dangerously wounded in the fight in the bush on May 13, sent his last message from Vryburg May 9, by runner to Kimberley, May 21. He says:

"The flying mounted column secretly and swiftly organized by Gen. Hunter started from Barkly and arrived here tonight, covering 130 miles in five days. It is a grand force of mounted men—Imperial Light Horse from Ladysmith, the Kimberley Mounted Corps with Royal Artillery and pom-poms, and a selected body of infantry from the Fusiliers Brigade. A special equipment of light spring mule transport completes the splendid force.

"The force so equipped was enabled to move with such rapidity that, although this is a difficult country, requiring vigilant scouting, the Boers were surprised. The column moved parallel with the enemy's positions on the Vaal at Rooidam and Fourteen Streams, actually getting behind them without firing a shot. So close were we Sunday and Monday that Gen. Hunter's balloon was visible and his bombardment heard."

A correspondent with Gen. Hunter telegraphs as follows from Fourteen Streams:

"Col. Mahon's relieving column left Barkly West under secret May 4, and reached Vryburg May 10. The Boers marched on the right flank of the British, and a strange race followed—Mahon pressing toward Mafeking with the utmost speed consistent with keeping the force in condition, and the Boers hurrying parallel in an effort to pass him and to throw themselves across the path.

"The Boers succeeded. Mahon then turned west during the night. The Boers followed, overtook and attacked him in the bush, but were beaten off.

"Then, as Lord Roberts wired, Col. Mahon and Col. Plumer united forces at Kammasbibi May 15, and Mafeking was relieved three days later under conditions not yet known here."

A correspondent of the Daily Express says: "Gen. Hunter devised and guided the relief, which was daringly executed by Col. Mahon."

The last message from Col. Mahon's column, before the relief, was dated at Majanamabili, May 11. It says: "The column left Vryberg yesterday, did 17 miles and outspanned at 2 a. m. No fires were allowed. We started at dawn today and trekked here."

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

An Agreement Arrived at and Bill Passes Its Second Reading.

London, May 21.—In moving the second reading of the Australian federation bill in the House of Commons to-day, the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, announced that a complete agreement had been reached with the delegates on the lines of the government proposals. The bill, he added, would provide the right of appeal to the privy council should be maintained in every case where other than Australian interests are concerned, but where Australian interests were solely and exclusively concerned, the Australian legislature could adopt any course it pleased.

"The government also asks," said Mr. Chamberlain, "that words should be inserted giving the right of appeal to the privy council in every case in which both parties consent." After declaring that the result had been achieved by a discussion of the friendliest nature, the Colonial Secretary read a letter from the Australian delegates expressing their satisfaction and thanking him for having secured so satisfactory a result.

The bill passed its second reading amid loud and prolonged cheering.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

Czar Has Ratified Articles Agreed On at The Hague.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—The Czar has ratified all the articles agreed upon at The Hague peace conference.

CANDIAN BANQUET.

Mr. Chamberlain Will Deliver an Address on Dominion Day.

London, May 21.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has accepted an invitation to attend the Canadian banquet in London on Dominion Day.

IT IS A MISTAKE
To suppose that the kidneys alone are responsible for all the weak, lame, aching backs. Backache as well as pain under the left shoulder blade frequently comes from the liver or complications of the liver and kidneys which can only be cured by using the great double treatment—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. One pill a dose. 25 cents a box.

How Eloff Was Trapped

Details of Clever Way in Which Mafeking Garrison Corralled Him.

Roberts' Army Moves Northward Steadily Towards Pretoria.

London, May 21.—(9:30 p. m.)—The following despatch has been received from Lord Roberts at the war office:

"Kroonstad, May 21.—The following is from Hunter: 'Mafeking is relieved. Mahon entered it May 18.'"

London, May 22.—(4 a. m.)—Col, Baden-Powell's hardest blow to the besiegers was the capture of Commandant Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, and his men, which is thus described in a despatch from Mafeking May 12, via Ootsi, May 14:

"Eloff to-day fell into one of the various traps that have been left open for months. At 4 a. m. the enemy, who had been much strengthened during the last few days, feinted an attack on the eastern side of the town, while a large force which during the night had crept along the river, guided by native rebels, who had chosen the craftiest detours, imagined to enter the Baratong location. This they burned, and the huts of the natives were blazing for a distance of nearly a mile.

"Then, finding that they were unopposed, the Boers yelled: 'Come out, you skulkers; to-day we take Mafeking.'

"Suddenly a Boer cried, 'Here are the rooineks.' Nearly all fled. Capt. Marsh opened fire from the fort on each side, cutting off and repulsing the main body of the Dutch, but driving the vanguard of about 150 into the native location which had been burned. The enemy broke into two parties, one being penned in the stone kraal, and the other hemmed in a hollow behind a kopje, inside the outer defences. They had no water and but little food. Meanwhile a strong party, estimated at 500, ran around the native location and reached the camp close to the railway. They were surprised, and after sharp fighting captured Lieut.-Col. Hore, Capt. Singleton, and Veterinary Surgeon Dunlop Smith, who for a time were penned with 40 Boers in the offices of the British South Africa Protectorate. This position was covered by our forts.

"The Boers were called upon to surrender, but they refused, and the fighting was resumed for some hours. The Boers lost heavily. Finally two parties of the enemy surrendered, one party escaping. The casualties are not yet fully known. The Boers lost about 150, but our casualties were under 20. Mr. Angus Hamilton, correspondent of the London Daily Times, is missing."

The railway is expected to be at Kroonstad to-day (Tuesday). The congestion of traffic at Smaldeel delays Lord Roberts' advance, but his cavalry continues active through a wide radius east and southeast of Kroonstad.

The infantry advance steadily. Gen. Colville and Gen. Rundle shift their headquarters each second day. The Boers are retiring northward from Harrismith. Raiding and sniping are decreasing. Lord Roberts is advised that little resistance need be expected south of Lip river, near Johannesburg, where the natives are digging trenches, but the position, according to a correspondent, can be turned. The same authority thinks it improbable that there will be any desperate defence south of Pretoria, and that even the capital of the Transvaal is likely to be evacuated. The orders from the war office directing six more siege trains to go out, however, indicate preparations in expectancy of a siege.

Twenty war correspondents have been killed or have died of disease during the war. In this respect the Daily Mail has been particularly unfortunate.

The confirmation of the relief of Mafeking does away with the lingering doubts which existed in the minds of a few people who have got into the habit of believing nothing but war office despatches. With belated enthusiasm that department hoisted its flag on receipt of official telegram and the crowd cheered. It is announced that Col. Baden-Powell will be made a major-general.

A despatch from Kroonstad, dated Sunday, 20th, says a British convoy on its way to Lindley was attacked by the Boers and obliged to halt. The result of the attack is not known, but it is evident that the Boers in the rear of the main British army are alert and aggressive.

RELIEF FORCE ATTACKED.

But Boers Were Repulsed With Considerable Loss.

London, May 21.—The war office has received the following despatch from Roberts:

"Kroonstad, May 21.—Mahon (Col. B. T.) reports having joined Plumer at Jamaisdo on May 15. He was followed by a Boer commando from Maruzani Siding, and turned westward to avoid it. On May 13 he was attacked in the thick bush, losing 5 men killed, 2 missing and 24 wounded, including the Daily Mail correspondent, Hands, dangerously. The Boers lost more than Mahon in killed and wounded.

London, May 21.—Under to-day's date Lord Roberts sent the following from Baden-Powell, dated May 13, giving important news:

Before dawn on the 13th a storming party, 250 strong, persistently led by Eloff, rushed the pickets and reached the Staat and Protectorate camp from the westward, along the Malapho valley, a strong musketry demonstration being made at the same time along the eastern front of our position.

Our western posts closed in and stopped the Boer supports following, thus cutting off Eloff's retreat, while the town defences stopped his further advance.

His force got divided in the darkness and a strong party was placed between them, completely surrounding them. Fighting continued all day.

"Soon after nightfall one of the parties surrendered, and the other was driven out of the Staat under a heavy fire.

"Ten dead and 19 wounded of the enemy were left behind, and 108 prisoners were taken, including Eloff and nine officers. Seventeen Frenchmen and many Germans were among the prisoners.

Our losses were 6 men killed and 2 officers and 9 men wounded.

London, May 21.—The war office has received the following message from Lord Roberts:

"Kroonstad, May 21.—Buller reports that his advance will be delayed for a few days, on account of the way in which the railway has been destroyed.

"Gen. Rundle reports that Ladybrand has been occupied.

"Hunter is pushing up the railway with supplies for the Mafeking garrison, and is arranging a hospital train for the conveyance of the sick and wounded to Kimberley."

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be communicated to the presidents of the South African republics. So far as we are concerned, the United States was the only government in the world of all those approached by the South African republics which tendered offices to either of the combatants in the interest of cessation of hostilities:

"As allusion has been made to The Hague convention, and as action has been suggested based on that instrument, it may be as well to quote a phrase from Article III., which states: 'Powers stranger to the dispute may have the right to offer good offices or mediation, even during the course of hostilities.'

"And article V says: 'The functions of the mediatory power are at an end when once it is declared, either by one of the parties to the dispute or by the mediator himself, that the means of reconciliation proposed by him are not accepted.'

"This would seem to render any further action of the United States unadvisable under existing circumstances.

"The steps taken by the President in his earnest desire to see an end to the strife which caused much suffering may already be said to have gone to the extreme limit permitted by him. Indeed, if in his discretion he had chosen not to present to England the South African request for good offices he might have justified his action by referring to the following declaration, which was made in the very act of signing The Hague convention by the plenipotentiaries of the United States: "Nothing contained in this convention shall be so construed as to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of not intruding upon, interfering or entangling itself with questions of policy or international administration of any state, nor shall anything contained in the said convention be construed to imply a relinquishment by the United States of America of traditional attitude toward purely American questions.' The President sympathizes heartily in the sincere desire of all the people of the United States that the war now afflicting South Africa may, for the sake of both parties engaged, come to a speedy close, but, having done his full duty in preserving a strictly neutral position between them and seizing the first opportunity that presented itself for offering his good offices in the interests of peace, he feels that in the present circumstances, no course is open to him except to persist in the policy of impartial neutrality. To deviate from this would be contrary to all our traditions and all our national interests, and would lead to consequences which neither the President nor the people of the United States could regard with favor."

FISHING PRIVILEGES.

Right to Use Seines in the Straits—Conservative Leader's Long Political Life.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 21.—Sir Louis Davies told Mr. Haggart to-day that fishing privileges have been granted in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca to the following: Alexander Ewen, Findlay & Company, United Canners, W. C. Mitchell, C. Ferrard. Each firm is allowed to use drag seines of one hundred fathoms.

Sir Charles to-morrow celebrates the 45th anniversary of his entrance into public life.

Col. Prior was warmly felicitated today on his 47th birthday.

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes' resignation was received to-day, and Mr. Speaker announced he had issued his warrant.

Mr. Fielding introduced a bill to renew bank charters. In the case of an insolvent bank the bill provides that the Bankers' Association may appoint a curator to wind up its affairs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Passed the Test.—The following gentlemen have successfully passed the examinations held at the government assay office and are now authorized to practise as assayers in this province: J. O'Sullivan, Vancouver; D. Whittaker, Victoria, and J. H. Tretheway, Kaslo.

The Police Court.—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday, Ah Yen, a Chinaman, was fined $100 for supplying intoxicants to an Indian; H. Bant was remanded until this morning on the charge of stealing from A. Ohlsen, and Valentine Earle was committed for trial for robbing a Work Point artilleryman of $50.

Too Many Japs.—The Kobe Herald of May 1, received by the steamer Kinshiu Maru, says: "The Japanese consul telegraphs from Vancouver that 4,500 Japanese have flocked into Canada during the present month, and that an anti-Japanese immigration agitation is almost inevitable unless some check is put upon this movement."

Famine Fund.—His Worship the Mayor thankfully acknowledges the receipt of $9.25 collected by Miss Stannard for the Indian famine relief fund. Other subscriptions to the fund follow: Cash, $1; W. C. Hicks, $1.50; Mrs. J. Anderson, 50 cents; Mr. Luney, $2; Mrs. Crawford, $1; Y. P. S. C. E., $5; M. O. K., $1; Cash, $1; Mrs. A. R. R., $5.

CONSTIPATION

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"GARFIELD TEA."

All Druggists 25 cts.

Ready for the Celebration

Details Arranged for the Grand Demonstration on the Twenty-Fourth.

Order of the Monster Patriotic Procession on Thursday Afternoon.

Tha the celebration of the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria by the loyal city which bears her beloved name will be the greatest event of a similar character which has occurred her, is now assured. The glories of the Empire, the stirring events in South Africt which have served to knit that empire closer together, and the heroism of Canada's brave sons, which has elicited warm praise from the mightiest of Britain's generals, have served as a stimulus to the patriotism of the people to an extent never known before; and vent is going to be given to that patriotism in a manner which will eclipse all other demonstrations ever held in the city.

And the programme which has been arranged is one greatly in keeping with the occasion. It should prove of more than ordinary interest and attractiveness to visitors. There are two events of an exceptionally notable character—the grand naval and military review at Macaulay Point, and the monster parade. These two, of themselves, would be sufficient to entertain thousands; but when to them is added the usual regatta at the Gorge, the fireworks display and the numerous sporting events, besides attractive concerts, it will be seen that nothing has been left undone in the way of providing ample and splendid attractions and adequate entertainment for the thousands who will flock to the city from far and near. Special excursions will be run from all Island and Mainland points and the Sound cities. The celebration has been excellently advertised and many enquiries are being received from outside points for hotel accommodation.

It may be said that the celebration will open by the flag raising at the various city schools to-morrow afternoon. This is an event in which the scholars are greatly interested. The flags presented by generous donors will be flung to the breezes from the various new flag poles with appropriate ceremony. The children have rehearsed a number of patriotic songs and there will be brief speeches by the trustees, teachers, and donors of the flags and poles. The ceremony of flag raising may be said to inaugurate the celebration in Victoria of what has come to be observed in Eastern Canada as Empire Day, and the event will be of a most memorable and entertaining character.

To-morrow evening also there will be a grand patriotic entertainment in the Victoria theatre, the programme of which has already appeared.

The City Band also gives a concert at Oak Bay in the evening, for which the following splendid programme has been prepared:

March—Roberts' Victory ....Johnson
Overture—From Dawn to Twilight..Bennet
Spanish Dances—Mercedes .... Frinkhouse
Grand Aria—The Death of Nelson..Braham
Solo for Trombone
Intermission.
Selection—Faust .... Gounod
Characteristic Piece—Evening Pastimes
....Marshall and Wolf
(Introducing—Picking of Banjo, Sand and Clog Dances, Mobile Buck, The Johnny Bull, concluding with a grand finale.)
Waltzes—Wine, Women and Song..Strauss
Austrian Retreat—The Soldier's Life..
....Kela Bela
E. Pferdner, conductor.

The wholesale grocers hold a banquet the same evening at the Mount Baker hotel.

The morning of Her Majesty's Birthday and military review¼;dosg..1 pg|9ac ETA will be given over to the grand naval and military review at Macaulay Point, when nearly 1,500 men will take part in the exercises. The troops from Esquimalt will be taken to the parade ground by the D. G. S. Quadra.

The great patriotic procession will occur on the afternoon of Thursday, and this certainly be a most imposing spectacle. Five hundred school children, appropriately attired will be in line, and no less than 35 monster floats. The baseball boys will be represented by a float and the one to be furnished by Weiler Bros. will be among the handsomest ever seen in the West.

At a meeting of the sub-committee on the procession last evening, the following report was presented:

That Chief Deasy act as grand marshal.

That Capt. Clement Royds and Mr. H. Cuthbert act as deputy grand marshals.

That each society taking partin the procession select one marshal, to be under the instructions of the deputy grand marshals.

That a flag staff be erected on Yates street at the junction of Cook stret.

That the following order of procession be adopted:

ROUTE OF PROCESSION.

Start from City Hall, Douglas to Humboldt; Humboldt to Government; Government to Pandora; Pandora to Douglas; Douglas to Yates; Yates to Cook, and returnl to Broad; Broad to Fort; Fort to Government; Government to Johnson; Johnson to Douglas; Douglas to Fisgard; Fisgard to Blanchard; Blanchard to front of Maplehurst.

LOCATIONS BEFORE START

Fire department—Douglas street, south of City Hall.

Fifth Regiment Band—Douglas street in front of City Hall.

Fifth Regiment—Douglas street, north of City Hall.

School children—Douglas street, north of Fisgard.

Boys' Brigade Band—Douglas street north of Fisgard.

Boys' Brigade—Douglas street, north of Herald.

City Band—Herald street, west of Douglas

Friendly and Trade Societies—Herald st., west of Douglas, east of Douglas, and Blanchard street, south of Herald.

Mayor and Aldermen—Cormorant street, east of Douglas.

Celebration Committee—Cormorant street, east of Douglas. p

Mercantile Floats—Cormorant street, west of Douglas, and Government street, south of Cormorant.

Comic Floats—Government street, south of Pandora.

Indians—Fisgard street, west of Douglas street.

ORDER IN PARADE.

SOCIETIES.

Foresters, I. O. O. F. and float, K. of P. Native Sons and float; Pioneers, Sons of England and float.

SOCIETY FLOATS.

Orangemen's, W. C. T. U., Baseball, Sons of St. George, Cigar Makers' Union, A. O. U. W., Typographical Union, Young Canada.

COMMERCIAL FLOATS

W. G. Diskinson, Invertavish Nursery, E. G. Prior & Co., B. Williams & Co., Burt Bros., Hall & Goepel, Brackman & Ker, J. W. Mellor, Savoy Theatre, Albion Iron Works, Weiler Bros., W. J. Pendray & Co., L. Goodacre, M. R. Smith & Co., Singer Sewing Machine, Johns Bros., Hinton & Co., Smith & Champion, Okell & Morris, B. C. Cold Storage, Stemler & Earle, Pioneer Dye Works, Mrs. P. Wilson, J. Meston, T. N. Hibben & Co., D. Spencer, F. Norris.

COMIC FLOATS.

T. Fletcher, jr., Ledingham Bros.

A special meeting of the fireworks committee is called for to-day, when it is understood it will be decided to alter the site of the display from Hospital Point to Beacon Hill.

On the evening of the twenty-fourth, there will be a general illumination of the city, and a concert by the Fifth Regiment band at the Drill Hall.

The various athletic sports will be held on Friday morning; and the grand pyrotecnic exhibition.

On Saturday the lacrosse match between the Victoria and New Westminster teams will be played.

In making their arrangements for celebration week, none of the residents or visitors should forget the children's patriotic entertainment at the Victoria theatre on Saturday afternoon.

The Senior Victorias, the association football champions, will hold their last practice to-night at Beacon Hill, when all members are requested to be on hand.

The management of the Savoy theatre have rented the upper flat of the Adelphi building for the afternoon of Thursday, and will throw it open to women and children during the monster parade. There will be no charge for admission, but it is exclusively for women and children. This is a kindly act on the part of Messrs. Jackson and McDonell that will be greatly appreciated.

A visitor during the celebration will be the U. S. training ship Adams. The vessel is now at Port Angeles, on her annual cruise to the Sound.

The following firms have promised the undermentioned prizes for decorated wheels, Hinton & Co., 1 Polar gas lamp; Waitt & Co 1 bicycle saddle; Onions & Plimley, 1 Breckenridge gas lamp; B. C. Cyclery, 1 Veeder trip cyclometer. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout, in order to swell the procession.

PERSONAL.

J. H. MacGill, the well-known Vancouver newspaper man is in the city, being temporarily attached to the staff of the Colonist.

Gordon Smith, for a number of years on the reportorial staff of the Times, has accepted a similar position on the Colonist.

Senator Macdonald leaves Ottawa for home to-morrow.

Interesting Meeting.—At the meeting of the Natural History Society held last night, Dr. Newcombe presented and explained some interesting Indian curiosities he obtained on the West Coast. Lieut. Dannreuth, of H. M. S. Leander, also presented some original notes on the magnetic iron black sands of the Pacific Coast, and what a great effect they locally have upon a ship's compass. Capt. Foote drew the society's attention to the local magnetic attraction in Lynn Canal, and how it has changed since that district was disturbed by last year's great earthquake.

BY COMMON CONSENT.

It is admitted by common consent that our long experience in the drug business, our perfect system in dispensing and our efforts to keep in touch with modern ideas, entitle us to a large measure of confidence from every class of people.

We are headquarters for that best of all medicines, Paine's Celery Compound, "the kind that cures." Every bottle is fresh, and every drop of the noted medicine is full of virtue and healing power. If you are weak, nervous or sleepless, try a bottle.

DEAN & HISCOCKS,
Druggists,
Cor. Yates and Broad sts. Victoria, B. C.

DIED.

SHEPPARD—On the 20th inst., at the Jubilee Hospital, Charles James, the oldest son of ex-Chief Sheppard, aged 17 years and 11 months.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday from No. 10 Hill street, and from St. John's church at 3 o'clock.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

Public Meeting

In the Interest of

GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES

Will be held in

A. O. U. W. HALL, Tuesday Eve., May 22

Addresses by Hon. Joseph Martin, Hon. J. Stuart Yates, Mr. J. G. Brown and Ald. T. L. Beckwith. Ladies invited to be present. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock, sharp.

FIRE CRACKERS.

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Rice Mills, No. 178 Government Street, has all kinds of Fire Crackers for sale.

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GENERAL Committee Meeting

CITY HALL

THIS AFTERNOON

AT 4 O'CLOCK

BEAUMONT BOGGS,
General Secretary.

NOTICE

No firecrackers, squibs, or other noisy, or dangerous substance will be allowed to be set off or thrown within the city limits during any of the days of the Queen's Birthday Celebration., except between the hours of 8 p. m. and 12 p. m. The police have orders to see that this is strictly obeyed.

By order of the Police Commissioners,

FRANCIS PAGE,
Victoria, May 21st, 1900. Clerk

NOTICE.

A meeting of the marshals of the parade will be held in Chief Deasy's office on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

BEAUMONT BOGGS,
General Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ONE Cent Per Word Per Insertion. Cash No Advertisement Inserted for Less Than Twenty-Five Cents.

WANTED.

WANTED—Immediately, An elderly lady to assist in nursing an elderly gentleman. Apply 58 Dallas road. m22

WANTED—To buy, a good, light, single four-wheeled waggon. Address with price Sunshine Manufacturing Co., Spring Ridge

WANTED—An English girl would like a place, either housemaid or housework, with evening free. Address A, this office.

WANTED—An elderly lady who has no children of her own will take full charge of an infant, 3 months old. Address S. this office. m22

WANTED—Air drill man, who can repair drills, set up and run compressor. Address with full particulars of experience, pay wanted, etc, Air Drill, this office. m18

WANTED—A girl who understands work in candy store. One who understands chocolate dipping preferred. Apply 99 Government street. m18

WANTED—Candy maker. Apply 99 Government street. m18

WANTED—Messenger boys. Apply B. C. District Telegraph office, 74 Douglas st.

WANTED—Smart sewing girls for factory. Lenz & Leiser, 28½ Yates st. m17

WANTED—White man. Must be good milker and butter maker. Apply W. M. lePoer Trench, North Saanich. m17

WANTED—Young man for typewriting; must also be neat penman. "Remington," Colonist office. m16

WANTED—Second-hand dealer, 88 Johnson street. Ladies' skirts, shoes and clothing. Gentlemen's clothing, etc. Booth. ap24

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by O. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker; he don't charge credit prices. Repairing Depot, 56 Fort street.

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—Collie bitch. Reward. 35 Kings road. m20

LOST—Friday evening, ladies' fancy gold ring. Finder please leave at this office.

STRAYED—A sorrel horse, with white stripe on face. 31 View street. m20

LOST—Between Hillside avenue and Fort street, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward. m20

LOST—On Friday, a nugget pin. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office, m20

LOST—On Douglas street, a bag containing theatrical clothing. Reward. Miss Marrack, Balmoral. m18

V. Y. T. CO.

LAKE BENNETT, B.C.

Operating the Largest SAW and PLANING MILLS

At the head of navigation to the

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Two thirds of the freight bound for Dawson was carried by the barges constructed by us. You can save from $100 to $150 per ton by shipping to Bennett, thence by barge, as against through rates.

Owing to improvements made in our mills at Bennett we are in a position to sell lumber at reduced rates on last season's prices.

THE VICTORIA YUKON TRADING CO., LTD., LAKE BENNETT, B.C.

HEAD OFFICE: BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING, VICTORIA, B. C.

FOR SALE.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—8 Gordon street, cor of Courtenay. m20

FOR SALE—Corner store and dwelling above, situate at Spring ridge, $1,200. Also 3 two-storey dwelling houses, North road, Spring Ridge, containing 6 rooms each at $600 each. Or the whole of the above properties will be sold for $2,500. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. m18

FOR SALE—New Klondike canoe. Apply H. P. B., this office. m18

FOR SALE—A bargain. Comfortable English dog cart in first-class repair. On view at Meston's Carriage Factory, Broad street. m15

BELGIAN HARES.—The great Californian industry. Fortunes are now being made raising them. Our breeding farm is among the largest in California. Does from $5 up. To introduce our stock we will make large discounts on orders of three or more. Buy direct from the breeder. We start you right. Dealers can treble their money on our stock. Blue Ribbon Rabbitry, 75 Pierce St., San Francisco. m13

FOR SALE—Lots on Simcoe, Clarence and Niagara streets, from $450 up. Lots in Spring Ridge at all prices. House and Lot on Belleville street, facing harbor, $3,500. House and lot in Victoria West, $1,100. Acre property on Mt. Tolmie road at $600 per acre. Acre property on Oak Bay avenue at $550 per acre. 5 acres with house, stable and other improvements at $1,500. 12½ acres with house, stable and other improvements $1,860. About 1 1-5 acre piece on Craigflower road $1,000. Lot with store and shop at Ladners at a bargain. Dyked lands on Lulu Island. Apply to J. T. L. Meyer, office 47 Langley street, P. O. Box 224, Victoria, B. C. m4

FOR SALE—Standard bred roadster, 7 years old, quiet, fast, stylish, good action and thoroughly sound; also a set of light oak tanned, rubber mounted buggy harness, nearly new. Can be seen at McNeill's stables, St. Louis street. ap29

FOR SALE—Residential lots, near Duncan's, V. I. Half mile from rail, church and township. Close to river. Good fishing. Splendid land, part cleared in 2½ acre lots, or as desired. J. H. Whittome, Duncan's V. I. ap28.

FOR SALE—70 acres on Quamichan lake, with good frontage. Two miles from Duncan's. In blocks of 15 acres or more. Part cleared. Good fishing. J. H. Whittome, Duncan's V. I. ap28

FOR SALE—That desirable property known as "Maplecroft," facing Dallas road, between Menzies and South Turner streets, lots 120x240, two stories and basement, large bathroom, nine furnished rooms, with modern improvements. Furnished with best English furniture, electric lighted, heated by hot water; original cost $30,000; my price $15,000. Suitable terms can be arranged; premises open to inspection. J. Fred Hume. ap10

FARMS FOR SALE—864, 509 and 355 acres, hotel, dwelling, orchards, excellent water and timber; line V. & S. Railway, 6 miles from city. Terms easy. Apply H. M Grahame, 41 Government street. n11

FOR SALE—A fine gasoline launch, 85 ft. long by 6 ft. beam, with 12 h.p. motor; also a 8 h.p. gasoline marine engine; all in good working order. Apply at The Schaake Machine Works, New Westminster. B.C.

TO LET OR LEASE.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET—6 rooms. Near park, seven minutes from post office. R. M. this office. m22

TO LET—A desirable cottage, Craigflower road, only ten minutes from car line, rent $7.50. Apply 34 John street. m22

TO LET—Nicely furnished four-roomed cottage. Apply at 39 Princess avenue. m20

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms, single or en suite. No. 29 Trounce avenue, upstairs. m20

FURNISHED ROOMS—19 Rae street. m20

TO—LET—Furnished rooms. 90 Douglas st.

TO LET—Comfortable furnished front rooms with use of kitchen, if required. 139 Michigan street. m18

TO LET OR LEASE—On easy terms, a suite of offices in brick building (with safe) in locality very desirable for lawyers. Necessary repairs and alterations made to suit tenant. Apply to Langley & Martin, 59 Government street. m10

TO LET—Furnished, nicely furnished house 156 Menzies street. a26

BY THE SEA—Adjacent to tram and Beacon Hill, rooms and board, with home comforts and all conveniences, for two or three gentlemen. Address "W.L. K.," this office. ap21

MISCELLANEOUS.

I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any person or persons whomsoever, without my written authority.

C. C. WESTWOOD
Wellington.

NOTICE—I beg to notify the public that I am the proprietor of the business hitherto conducted under the firm name of Yuen Lung, 37 Cormorant street, and that no other person is authorized to receive payments and sign receipts or transact any business on behalf of said firm.

CHUN WAY.

Notice is hereby given that Hop Yick Gang has purchased the business of Ching Chong, at No. 13 Fisguard street, and that possession will be given on May 24th, 1900. All accounts due of Ching Chong must be presented by the said 24th of May, 1900.

HIP YICK GANG.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Court for a transfer to Henry Christian Wulf, of my license to sell wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the south side of Yates street, between Douglas and Broad streets, in the city of Victoria B. C., known as the Dawson Hotel. Dated this 7th day of April, 1900. John Michel. m10

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Individual instruction in shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping. ap29

KINDERGARTEN and Primary School reopens April 23rd. Miss Green Stable [illegible]

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge A.O.U.W., hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday J. G. Taylor, secretary

NOTICE TO TRADESMEN AND OTHERS.

This is to notify that William George Stapleford, of H. M. S. Arethusa is in no way responsible for any debts that have been or may be contracted by John Stapleford, late of H. M. S. Nymphe.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

List of Properties by B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY.

HOTEL QUAMICHAN—At Duncans, E. & N. Ry. Leased to a respectable party and doing a thriving business. For particulars, apply 40 Government street.

JOHNSON ST.—Hotel, 50 rooms, with good restaurant; good position. Or will lease at moderate rental. For particulars apply 40 Government street.

GORDON HEAD—Part of section 84 Victoria district; 10 acres; well adapted for small fruit or chicken ranch, $525, easy terms. Apply 40 Government street.

SALT SPRING ISLAND. Ganges Harbor. 20 acres, good modern dwelling, with all modern conveniences. Daily communication with Victoria; good fishing and shooting only $1,400. Apply 40 Government st.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—93 acres for $500. This is a very good bargain, the timber alone will pay for the land. Apply 40 Government street.

NORTH SAANICH—Three or four very good farms. Call and see our list. 40 Government street.

VICTORIA and LAKE DISTRICTS—About 700 acres within 5 miles of post office, 100 acres under cultivation, splendid soil. Or will sell in lots to suit purchaser. Apply 40 Government street.

VICTORIA ARM—Water frontage 1½ acres, all cleared; fine building site. Can arrange very easy terms, etc. Apply 40 Government street.

PENDER ISLAND—3,200 acres (including coal which is now under bond) very cheap. Apply 40 Government street.

DENMAN ISLAND—Comox district, 160 acres for $750. Apply 40 Government street.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Handsome building sites just opposite naval recreation grounds, about 1½ acres. Cheap in order to close an estate.

ESQUIMALT AND LAKE DISTRICTS—About 230 acres, within 4 miles of post office. Blocks of 5 acres each. Easy terms. Full particulars at 40 Government street.

FORT STREET—Chestnut avenue. A number of fine building lots, prices reasonable, easy terms. Apply 40 Government street.

JAMES BAY—A number of cheap houses which can be paid for in monthly payments without interest. Small deposit down. Apply 40 Government street.

CAREY ROAD—One acre, ready for cultivation, with barns, etc., only $800. Apply 40 Government street.

METCHOSIN DISTRICT—Farm containing over 300 acres. One of the best on the Island. Good barns, live stock, etc. Apply 40 Government street.

QUAMICHAN DISTRICT—220 acres, between Duncans and Sahtlam; plenty of water; well adapted for fruit, etc. Apply 40 Government street.

SAHTLAM DISTRICT—160 acres; 30 acres cleared; near trunk road; good stream of water; price $1,000; terms. Apply 40 Government street.

STRATFORD'S CROSSING—E. & N. Ry. 160 acres; small portion slashed; good soil $600. Apply 40 Government street.

COOK STREET—A number of very cheap building lots; small monthly payments; no interest; call and get particulars. 40 Government street.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—A few acres of splendid land; all cleared; cheap. Apply 40 Government street.

OAK BAY—3½ acres; cleared; very pretty site; cheap. Apply 40 Government street

FERNWOOD ESTATE—4 lots, house and outbuildings $1,600; $600 down, balance at 7 per cent. Apply 40 Government street

JAMES BAY—Nice cottage and lot 54 by 180 facing south, on a good street; price $1,400; $100 down; balance on easy terms. Apply 40 Government street.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—2 acres, house with six rooms, stable, fruit trees, etc; all under cultivation; 1½ miles from centre of city; $3,300; terms. Apply 40 Government street.

COOK AND NORTH PARK STREETS—2-story building containing two stores, leased to responsible tenant only $2,500. For particulars apply 40 Government street.

RICHMOND AVENUE—2½ story, 9 roomed modern dwelling; electric light, etc.; good outbuildings; $2,800; $1,500 down, balance at 6 per cent.

JOHNSON STREET—For Sale or To Let. 3 story brick building; ground floor leased for two years; well located for factory of any kind; only $10,000; exceptionally easy terms. Or will rent upper flats at a moderate rental. Apply 40 Government street.

MONTREAL AND KINGSTON STREETS—Cheap building lots on monthly payments, if necessary. Apply 40 Government street

VICTORIA WEST—On Hillside, 2 lots for $800; beautiful view of the Straits; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street.

BLANCHARD STREET—A nice cottage in good locality, $1,600. Apply 40 Government street.

Also many other properties for sale in all parts of the province, too extensive for publication. Stores, offices and dwellings to rent in all parts of the city. Call and see our list.

B. C. LAND AND INVESTMENT AGENCY

GRAND PATRIOTIC ENTERTAINMENT

IN AID OF

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

IN

VICTORIA THEATRE

ON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23,

AT 8:15 P. M. SHARP.

Reserved seats $1.0, 75c., and 50c. Gallery unreserved 50c. seats on sale at Victoria Book and Stationery store.

All Bridges Perfectly Safe

City Engineer Makes an Examination and Reports to the Mayor.

Other Business Transacted At Last Evening's Meeting of the Council.

Last evening's meeting of the city council was a short one, commencing at 8:30, and closing at 10. The mayor and all the aldermen with the exception of Ald. Hall were present.

Before proceeding with the regular business ,Mayor Hayward read the following letter from the city engineer:

May 21st, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor,

Victoria, B. C.

Re Safety of Bridges.

Dear Sir:—In accordance with your instructions of recent date, I have the honor to report as follows: Having made several careful examinations at high and low tide in conjunction with the city carpenter. I feel satisfied the James Bay, Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridges are safe for vehicular or tramway traffic, viz. to carry the ordinary 7½ ton cars with usual number of 60 passengers. In conclusion, I must say the Point Ellice bridge was tested for deflection this afternoon, on several occasions with tram car at the centre of the span, maximum reading did not in any case exceed 3-100 of one foot, which I consider quite satisfactory.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. TOPP.
City Engineer.—

The deputy postmaster-general acknowledged the receipt of the resolution of the city council in favor of the government ownership of telegraphs and telephones. The letters were received and filed.

The celebration committee of Nanaimo invited the mayor and aldermen to visit that city on the Queen's Birthday. An accompanying letter stated that Mayor Bate and some of the Nanaimo aldermen would be down on the 25th. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

An invitation from Supt. Eaton to attend the flag hoisting at the schools was likewise accepted with thanks.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken wrote that Mrs. James had decided not to accept the offer of the city in settlement of her claim, arising out of the death of her her husband in the Point Ellice bridge accident.

The L. O. L. applied for the use of Beacon Hill for the celebration of July 12th. The request was granted.

B. Aaronson asked if the council would entertain an offer for the iron in Point Ellice bridge. The letter was received and filed, the council not being ready to sell.

An application from M. Bantly, to erect an iron hitching post in front of his premises, on Fort street, was referred to the city engineer, with power to act.

Louis Watson wanted his anthem "The Queen's Birthday" sung in front of the government buildings on Thursday. Mr. Watson, being allowed to speak, said his object was to get a photo of the children to send to the Queen.

Mr. Bradburn, city solicitor, said that Messrs. Stewart & Co. were treated the same as other traders. They had only been charged $10 per year for several years, but when their business had grown to large proportions, they were charged a wholesalers' license. Others were treated the same.

The letter was received and filed, Messrs. Stewart & Co. to be notified that the council is seeking legislation to revise the licenses, the wholesalers license to be paid in the meantime.

A report from the city engineer, recommending the extension of the sewer on Superior street, and construction of a sidewalk on Cook street, was referred to the streets, bridges, and sewerage committee.

The water commissioner recommended the laying of 250 feet of pipe on Olympia ave. at a cost of $75 to supply three new houses. Referred to the finance committee to report

City Clerk Dowler submitted letters received from Vancouver and Seattle, and papers from Mr. A. J. Dallain, in re bicycle paths. The letters were referred to the street committee.

The cemetery committee recommended that the cemetery gardeners be allowed to use waters during certain hours.

Ald. Brydon did not think the cemetery gardeners should be given special privileges.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Brydon wanted to know if the council had power to set aside a by-law by resolution.

Mayor Hayward did not think the by-law referred to cemeteries.

A special committee recommended that Mr St Clair be allowed to place a bathing house at the end of Pleasant street, but suggested that Mr. St. Clair see the harbor masters.

The report was referred back to the committee to get information as to the plans, etc.

The Expenditure By-Law was read a first time, and on the motion to read it a second time Ald. Cameron objected to an additional tax for street pavings.

Ald. Yates thought the by-law should stand over until after the sitting of the court of revision, when the regular rate would be fixed. He moved to that effect, Ald. Kinsman seconding the motion, which was carried.

On recommendation of Mayor Hayward, leave was granted to introduce "The Sale of Mrs. Archibald's Confirmation By-Law." The by-law was read a first time.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $10,084, including some $6,000 for claims, interest and legal expenses in connection with the Point Ellice bridge accident, and $150 to put the old cemetery in proper shape.

The council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Tale That Grew in Telling

Yarn From Vancouver of Attempt to Destroy Forts Is Untrue.

How the Story of an Esquimalt Tragedy Got Twisted In Travel.

When some months ago a man—a Fenian, perhaps, or may be a pro-Boer, but certainly a man who desired to work mischief at the Macaulay Point fortifications—clambered along a board over the chevaux de frise with which the forts are protected, and brought about his form the bullets from a sentry's carbine, he did not know how often the story of his adventure would be re-told, and with how many dressings the various variators would garb the tale.

The story has bobbed up again. This time it comes from Vancouver. It was being told on the streets of the Terminal City, and the Colonist correspondent there was one of those who heard it. He writes:

"A Vancouver citizen who has just returned from Victoria informed the Colonist correspondent this morning that he had it on the authority of a naval officer that three or four nights ago an alleged attempt to do damage at Point Macaulay was made by supposed Fenians. The naval officer said that the men, dressed in civilian clothes, crept up towards the forts in the darkness. They were fired at by the sentry on guard, but escaped in the darkness. The same authority states that some little time ago the authorities at Esquimalt received positive information that Boer sympathizing Fenians had left San Francisco for Victoria with the avowed object of doing what damage they could by dynamite and other means at Esquimalt, and that three of these Fenians were afterwards recognized on the streets of Victoria."

Col. Grant, the officer commanding the troops at Work Point, when asked as to the truth of the story by a Colonist representative yesterday afternoon, said there was nothing whatever of truth in the story. It was simply another recurrence of the story of the man who tried to crawl over into the forts some months ago. If any such occurrence had taken place it would surely have been reported to him, and he had not heard of it before being told by the interviewer. Other officers also denied knowledge of any such occurrence.

While the journey to Vancouver may not have twisted the story of the occurrence that never was, the following excerpt from the columns of a copy of the Kobe Herald received by the steamer Kinshiu Maru yesterday morning shows how badly a story can get twisted in its material details by a little travel. The Kobe paper, under a New York date line and credited to the Manila Times, prints the following "details" of the shooting of Lieut. Scott at Esquimalt some six weeks ago:

"A tragic affair has occurred at Victoria, B. C., which is most deplorable in its results. A hot argument arose between Lieut. Burns, of the Canadian Artillery, and Lieut. Scott, of the British Navy, as to the authority of the latter in the dock at Victoria, B. C. The Canadian officer disputed the authority of the British naval officer. High words were passed and the argument had carried the Canadian officer into such a state of excitement and frenzy that he suddenly drew his revolver and fired on Lieut. Scott, with fatal result."

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STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

N. Y. STOCKS cuo,ue s,fo,Lontet

New York May 21.—The stock market was soft from the outset to-day, and yielded steadily to the assault of the bears. There was practically no buying demand of any importance, and prices lost ground all day, even on a light volume of trade.

Closing quotations:

Amn. Tob.	87⅞
Amn. Sugar	110⅝
Anaconda	43¼
A. T. & S. F.	25⅝
A. T. & S. F. pfd	71
A. S. W.	34¾
B. & O.	76⅛
B. & O. pfd.	80⅛
B. R. T.	70¼
C. P.	94½
Can. Sou.	52
C. & O.	27⅞
C. B. & Q. ex div.	126
Chgo. Gas.	99
C. R. I. & P.	107
C. M. & St. P.	116¼
Con. Tob.	22¾
Con. Tob. pfd.	76½
Con. Gas. N. Y.	192
C. F. & I.	37
C. C. C. & St. L.	60¾
D. H.	114⅞
D. & R. G.	15½
Fed. Steel	38⅛
Fed. Steel pfd.	66¾
G. E.	134½
L. E. & W.	28⅞
L. & N.	80
Man. Elev.	90⅝
Mo. Pac.	56⅝
Met. T.	156
Nor. Pac. com., new.	59
Nor. Pac. pfd.	74½
N. Y. C.	132
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd.	37
N. Y. O. & W.	11¼
Pac. Mail	27½
T. C. & I.	72¼
Sou. Ry.	12½
Sou. Ry. pfd.	55¼
Sou. Pac.	34⅝
Tex. Pac.	16⅝
U. S. Leather	10⅞
U. S. Leather pfd	68½
U. S. Rubber	28⅝
U. S. Rubber pfd.	92¾
U. P.	54¼
U. P. pfd.	73¾
Wab.	8⅜
Wab. pfd.	21¼
W. U.	79⅞
Cable	165@7
C. P. R. in London	96⅝
G. T. R. 1st pfd.	89⅝
N. P. pfd.	76⅝
Anaconda	8⅞

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, May 21.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, May 65⅝; July 66⅝. Corn, May 36⅝; July 36⅞; Sept. 37½. Oats, May 21⅜; July 21⅞; Sept. 22⅞.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by Ben. Williams & Co., Brokers.)

Chicago, May 21.—The following quotations ruled on the board of trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
July	67⅜	67½	66½	66⅝
Corn—				
July	37⅞	36	36⅞	36⅞
Pork—				
July	11.67½	11.67½	11.50	11.52½
Liverpool Wheat—				
July	5s8¾d	....	....	5s8¾d

New York, May 21.—The following quotations ruled on the stock exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amn. Sugar	111¾	112½	109¾	110½
C. B. & Q. ex div	126½	127¼	125¾	126⅜
C. M. & St. P.	117½	117½	115⅝	116¼
M. S. R.	91	91	89⅞	90½
C. R. I. & P.	108¼	108¼	106½	107
P. G. Chicago	101⅛	101⅛	98¾	99¼
Amn. Tob.	89	89	87	87⅛
A. & S. F. pfd	71⅞	71⅞	70⅝	71
U. P. pfd.	74⅝	74⅝	73⅝	73¾
T. C. & I.	77	77	74	74¾
A. & S. F. com.	26⅛	26⅛	25½	25¾
L. & N.	81⅝	81⅝	79¾	80
B. R. T.	70¾	70¾	69⅝	70¼
U. P. com.	55¼	55¼	54⅝	54¾
A. S. & W. com.	36	36	34½	34¾

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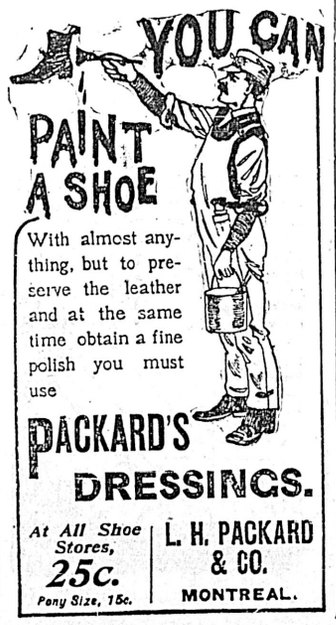

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

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THE WAR.

Everything is progressing favorably to our arms in South Africa. Ladybrand has been occupied, and this is the key to a very large and important section of country. Buller is finding difficulty in advancing, but only because of the condition of the railway.

Official news of the relief of Mafeking has been received, and removes any lingering doubt that may have existed in anyone's mind as to the safety of the town. Supplies for the town are being forwarded by railway. This indicates that in a few days through trains will be again running from Capetown to Buluwayo.

There is no news of any peace proposals, and there will not likely be, until President McKinley has met the Boer delegates. It is given out in Washington that he will decline to interfere unless asked to do so by both combatants.

MR. DUNSMUIR'S CARD.

The card issued by Mr. James Dunsmuir to the voters of South Nanaimo has attracted a great deal of notice. The Times of this city has this to say about it:

The most interesting political declaration of principles that has yet been laid before the people of British Columbia is that of Mr. Dunsmuir, one of the candidates for South Nanaimo, which the Times publishes to-day. The whole platform may be said to approach the radical in its doctrines, but the paragraph of greatest interest in it is that relating to the employment of Chinese in mines. The announcement that Mongolians will be excluded from all the workings under the control of the Dunsmuirs as soon as white men can be found to take their places must be most gratifying to all who are interested in the progress of the province. The intimation that Chinamen have been paid at the some rate as white men will be a surprise to many, but as that is so, and as it is admitted in the address that it is in the interests of the country that white men should be substituted for them, there is now good reason to hope that a very troublesome question will soon be finally disposed of, and that we shall hear no more of the Chinese question as far as employment in coal mines is concerned. This important political document means a great deal to Vancouver Island, as it not only guarantees increased prosperity, but means that there is no danger of the yellow scourge finding their way down into the workings of the other company. We sincerely hope that a means may be found of excluding Chinese and Japanese from all mines in the province, coal or metalliferous. If we are to derive any benefit from the vast wealth hidden away in nature's storehouse in this favored province of the Dominion, it must come largely through the hands of the labor employed in its development, and it is surely not asking too much from the capitalists who will carry off the greater part of it that a small proportion should be left in the country through the employment of white labor. When the resolution of Mr. Dunsmuir is carried into effect we shall have made a long stride forward in the direction of making British Columbia a white man's country.

MINING LAWS.

One of the provisions of the laws of 1899 which gave the greatest amount of dissatisfaction was that which gave the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council practical control of mining corporations seeking to do business under the Placer Mining Act. By the law of that session no joint stock company or mining corporation can receive a free miner's certificate except by the express sanction of the government, and the right to hold such a certificate is subject to cancellation at any time by the government. That is to say, the government, by this statute, arrogated to itself the right to say who might and who might not organize companies to work placer ground, and to stop them from working whenever it saw fit. No investor is safe for a single moment under such a law. His investment is absolutely under the control of the government and may be rendered wholly valueless without notice and without any reason being given.

So monstrous is this law that we think it well to restate it, so that there may be no misunderstanding about it. Suppose a number of persons wished to form a company to work a hydraulic mine, they could not move hand or foot without the express permission of the government, and after they had finally obtained this, their whole enterprise would be liable to be terminated at the merest whim of the government. Can anything more outrageous than this be suggested? What man would think of investing money under such a law? Is there any cause for surprise that capitalists stood aghast when they heard that such a law had been placed on the statute book?

For this legislation Mr. Martin is directly responsible. He himself planned the law. He forced it through the house in spite of the resistance of the opposition. He has promised to make changes in other statutes enacted under his supervision, but he has made no promise in respect to this. Can the people of British Columbia afford to allow such arbitrary power to be vested in any government, much less in one led by a minister of Mr. Martin's character, a man of such extreme views—one so hasty in action, one who does not hesitate to use his powers for objects which cannot be claimed to be wholly in the public interests? The passage of such an act shows better than anything else Mr. Martin's ideas of legislation and how utterly unsafe it would be to entrust such a man with the reins of power. It alone is a sufficient reason why the voters of British Columbia should refuse to sanction his selection as premier. What British Columbia needs is laws for the regulation of mining that treat every one alike and under which government favorites can acquire no privileges which opponents of the government cannot. But under the statute referred to the government has the power to grant everything to its friends and refuse everything to its opponents, and it can hold a threat of cancellation over the head of any company. Such a law is contrary to the genius of our institutions and ought to be stricken from the statute book without delay, and the man responsible for it should be driven from public life.

ATLIN MATTERS.

The facts brought out at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Trade in regard to Atlin are of very great importance and demand the immediate attention of the government and legislature. We shall deal with them at greater length in a future issue. For the present we invite the careful perusal of the report of yesterday's proceedings. Mrs. Hitchcock's indictment of the government is very strong, but it is none too severe. To take money over and over again for the same piece of ground would be a fraud if committed by a private individual, and is a moral fraud when committed by a government. Greater security of title to placer claims is imperative, and the law should be so amended as to provide for it. The remoteness of Atlin from the Capital renders conditions there peculiarly arduous. Dishonest men can take advantage of the remoteness of the courts and the lack of authority on the part of local officials and do very great injury before they can be checked. Therefore it is of prime importance that the law should be so amended that greater power shall be given to the Gold Commissioner or to some one else for the settlement of disputes as to claims.

We also strongly commend the suggestion that the wilful jumping of claims should be declared a penal offence, punishable by fine and imprisonment and the forfeiture of the free miner's certificate. Men would then cease to take chances, and the honest prospector would have some sort of guarantee that he would get the benefit of having been first upon the ground. With the law altered in some particulars, and competent officials charged with its administration, the country would be placed in an infinitely better position than it now is. Atlin pays handsomely into the revenue of the province, and the government can well afford to give the miners there the protection they so much need.

With D. J. Munn out of the way, Mr. R. L. Reid ought to be able to handily dispose of Mr. Martin's finance minister in New Westminster.

Ex-Speaker Forster has had all of Mr. Martin that he considers good for his political health, and will contest the Delta in opposition to him. Mr. Martin's stock in the Lower Fraser is on the decline.

WANTED—A FIRE ESCAPE

Stranger—I want to get a divorce.
Lawyer—Very well, sir. On what grounds?
Stranger—Arson.
Lawyer—Arson! Why, what do you mean?
Stranger—My wife fired me.—Chicago News.

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

The Maid—Oh, what a grand thing it must be when husband and wife are of one mind!

The Wife—Well, that depends a great deal on whose mind it is.—Chicago News.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Sue Brett—Footlights can't be such a much as an actor.

Ham Lett—Because why?

Sue Brett—He married fifteen years ago, and he has never been divorced.—Chicago News.

ADDITIONAL CHANCES.

First Passenger—Going to the races, eh! Think you can pick the winners?

Second Passenger—Don't intend to try. I'm a bookmaker and find there is more money in plucking the losers.—Chicago News.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE ... 25c.

is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanantly cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

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A Good Tip

Is worth following, because it leads to something good. Don't put your foot in it by wearing inferior shoes. Our new line for Spring and Summer wear show dreams of cool comfort for the feet. Treat yourself to daily walks in satisfaction by enclosing your lower extremities in our examples of the latest modes for town and country wear at prices that challenge competition.

The Paterson Shoe Co. Ltd.

CORNER GOVERNMENT AND JOHNSON STREETS.

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N.B.—We close at 7 p.m. Saturdays Excepted.

MAFEKING.

Drink deeply the cup that inspires the brave
They welcomed as brides both their wounds and the grave;
And scenting the carnage in the trenches afar,
They signalled to Death as the marched to the war,
And laughed in his face as the Reaper's strong hand
Swung his scythe through their ranks and mowed from their band.

They scorned to turn back, and ne'er thought they to yield,
Though shrapnel and rifle spread death o'er the field;
Though Hell seemed to champion the gates of the foe,
And torrents of bullets laid most of them low.

They marched with bold heart their assailants to meet,
And swore a deep oath they would never retreat,
Though fever and hunger both favored their foes,
And thinned their thin ranks, they chaffed at the throes,

Though weakened and famished they never gave way,
But dared grinning Death amongst them to stay,
Though feeble their arms, they found strength yet to wield
Their bayonets and rifles, and drive the Boers from the field,
Still flying that flag that speaks loud o'er the land,
That tyrants in terror before it must stand,
Whose soft silken rustle whispers and calls
That wrong must be righted, whatever befalls.

—SENIAB.

J. & J. TAYLOR'S

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Good cash business. Small capital required. Clear of shipping; no rough water. Only boat house this end of city. Good reason for selling. For full particulars apply E. A. GREEN, Point Ellice Boat House, Victoria, B.C.

For the Holidays

Ladies' Pique Denim Skirts from $2.00

Children's Washing Suits

Hats and Sun Bonnets

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TENDERS.

Sale of Stock, Etc., of George G Rebagliati, of Lytton.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Monday, the 28th of May, 1900, at so much on the dollar inventory price of the stock in trade of dry goods fixtures, etc., of George G. Rebagliati of Lytton, amounting as per stock list to $916.53.

Inspection of stock list can be had at Simon Leiser's, Yates street, Victoria, or at the store at Lytton.

Terms, Cash. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1900.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for the Trustee,
Board of Trade Building, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE.

In order to provide suitable accommodation for the large number of visitors expected here during the approaching festivities, the Secretary of the Celebration Committee will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of those having furnished rooms to let, if sent in writing to Box 126.

TO THE ELECTORS

..OF..

Victoria City Electoral District.

Gentlemen: We beg respectfully to inform you that we are candidates for election in the forthcoming contest for the Local Legislature, and solicit your support.

We are opposed to the present Provincial Administration, and shall take an early opportunity of expressing our views on the issues of the day.

Your obedient servants,

J. H. TURNER,
H. DALLAS HELMCKEN
A. E McPHILLIPS
RICHARD HALL.

NOTICE

In the Goods of Thomas John Partridge

THE YOUNGER DECEASED,

All persons indebted to the estate of the above named deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned by the 26th May 1900.

Dated the 11th May, 1900.

YATES & JAY,
22 Bastion street, Victoria, B. C.
Solicitors for Rhoda Cameron, the administratrix with the will annexed of the said deceased.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders for the purchase of subdivisions 2 and 14, of lot 1257, block T, having frontages on Pandora and Cormorant streets respectively, near Douglas street, will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1900. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Address:

H. M. GRAHAME,
41 Government st.

NOTICE.

To Captains and Owners of Vessels

Union Ship Carpenters and Caulkers will not work on any vessels that are hauled into the Central Ship Yard.

By order of the President.

BRITISH BARQUE SHANDON.

T. BAIRD, MASTER.

Neither the master nor the undersigned will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of the above vessel without their written authority.

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Nickel Alarm Clocks, 80c

NICKEL STEM WIND AND STEM SET WATCHES $1.50.

This month only.

APIOL & STEEL PILLS for Ladies.

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Superseding Bitter Apple, Pil Cochin, Pennyroyal, &c.

Order of all Chemists, or post free for $1.50 from EVANS & SONS, LTD., Victoria, B.C.

Martin, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Southampton.

SPENCER'S

24th Goods Just to Hand.

KHAKI SUITS

BOY' KHAKI SUITS, Sizes, 22 to 28,.... ..... $3.50

Leggings, 50. Hats..... $1.50

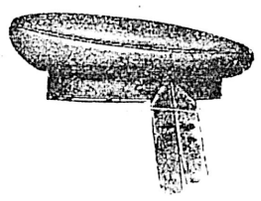
The cut shown is a copy of the suit worn by the hero of Mafeking, Col. Baden Powell.

Boys' White Duck Sailor Suits, Navy blue sailor collars, all sizes.....$1.50 each

Long and short pants to match.

Separate Blouses, 50, 60, 75 and 90c each.

Boys' Caps.



Boys White Duck Midshipman's Caps.....35c

Sailor Caps, Navy cloth or white duck..... .....25, 50 and 75c each

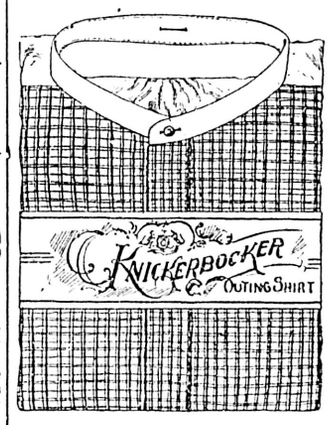
MEN'S HATS. The newest English Felt Hats, both soft and stiff, opened yesterday New Shapes, New colors. Regular $3 50 and $4.00 qualities. Our price.....$2.50

MEN'S TIES. New styles coming almost every day. Khaki ties, striped with the colors of regiments now at the front, Seaforth Highlanders, Scottish Rifles, Dublin Fusiliers, 13th Hussars, Royal Dragoons, and others, ...75c each

Red, White and Blue Patriotic Ties, silk lined; knot or four-in-hand. .....50c. Bows 25c

LADIES' PATRIOTIC TIES. Great variety, 50 and 75c each. Lace Ties, 25 and 35c. trimmed with national ribbon, 50c. Very fine Lace Scarfs, ...75c. $1.00 to $2.50 each.

Men's Outing Shirts.



New style silk fronts, special value 85c; Silk stripes 75c to $1.25; Pique Frocks, $1.00 to $1.50. We sell our stock out every season. Our Shirts are all new and the values are not beaten in Canada.

Men's Sweaters.

PLAIN WHITE SWEATERS, FANCY COLLARS AND CUFFS, SPECIAL FINE WEAVE.....$3 00

ALL-WOOL SWEATERS, ALL COLORS, ORDINARY QUALITIES .....90c., $1.25, and $1.50 each.

FLAGS. Silk Flags 10c, 40c, 75c to $1.50 each; Cotton Flags 5, 10, 15 and 25c each. Bunting, all colors and tri-colors.

RIBBONS. Red, White and Blue Ribbon, 5, 10, and 15c a yard. Ribbon Badges 5c each,

BOAT CUSHIONS, Patriotic designs; 50c, 75c and $1.00 each.

New Bicycle Bags 50c, 75c to $1.00 each.

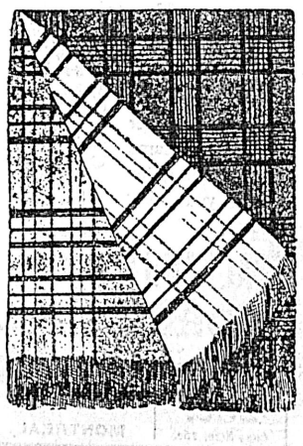
New Shopping Bags 50c. $1.00, $1.50 to $2.50 each.

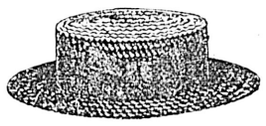
Twine Shopping Bags 25c, 35c; very fine quality 40c and 50c each.

New Tailor-Made Costumes

NEW GRAY AND FAWN CLOTHS AND HOMESPUN..... .....$14.50 and $17.50 each

CHOICE SELECTION OF MODEL COSTUMES....$22.50, $25 to $35 each





New Sailor Hats

FIVE CASES NEW SAILOR HATS JUST ARRIVED YESTERDAY—THE POPULAR NEW YORK SHAPE.....$1 and $1.25 each

White Pique Skirts

PLAIN.....$1.25, $1.50 and $1.75
(Trimmed Embroidery.)

INSERTION....$2.25, $2.50 and $2.75

LINEN CRASH SKIRTS..... .....$1.25 and $1.75
(Special values.)

TRAVELLING BAGS

We stock every popular shape and all our qualities are good value at the prices marked. Telescope cases from 45c; Leather Bags $2.50 each.

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SCOTCH PLAID STEAMER RUGS .....$3.00 to $15.00

SPECIAL VALUES AT..... .....$5.00 to $7.50

VICTORIA TIDES.

By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

Yuesday, May 22.		Wednesday, May 23	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
4:00 a.m.	5.7 feet	4:40 a.m.	4.7 feet.
6:00 a.m	6.7 feet.	8:20 a.m	6.9 feet
2:40 p.m.	5.0 feet.	3.55 p.m	6.1 feet
10:50 p.m.	8.0 feet	11:10 p.m.	7.9 feet.

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Drink "Hondi," purest and best of Ceylon teas. *

View China! View China! 10 and 25 cents, at Russell's 134 Douglas street. *

Clarke & Pearson, sole agents for McClary's Famous Stoves and Steel Ranges. *

A line of Brussels carpet at $1 per yard, exceptional value. Call and see the assortment at Weiler Bros. *

Carpets cleaned and laid and all kinds of upholstery repaired at Smith & Champion's, 100 Douglas street. *

A window a minute with Sunshine.

Rambler Bicycles have stood the test of 21 years. "You run no risk!" Weiler Bros., agents. *

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A friend that will never dispute or disagree with you, but will always sooth your mind and body, is Hondi Ceylon Tea. *

Flags! Flags! Flags! Bunting, Patriotic Ribbon and Decorations at Russell's, 134 Douglas street. *

Young women intending to visit Victoria during the coming celebration will find a comfortable home at reasonable prices at the Young Women's Christian Association, 32 Rae street, Victoria. *

The Very Latest!

Thelma is a delicious, fascinating perfume, the newest odoriferous product of distillation from a special selection of flowers. It is most fragrant and lasting. Ask to see it.

F. W. FAWCETT & CO.
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An Ideal Juvenile Bicycle will add to the enjoyment of children during holiday season. Pleased to show them at Rambler Cyclery, Weiler Bros. *

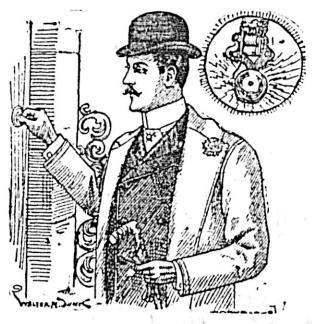
For Purity and Excellency use Sunshine Malt Vinegar.

Sunshine Washing Powder will surprise you.

Boat cushions and canopies made to order; all kinds of upholstery repaired at Smith & Champion's, 100 Douglas St. *

Dine at the Imperial Restaurant, Theatre block. Meals a la Carte. Strawberries and ice-cream. Coffee a specitly. *

Successful Concert.—A large and appreciative audience assembled last night in the auditorium of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when solos were given by Miss Laura Loewen, Miss E. Worlock, Dr. Robertson, Mr. Kent and Mr. Barton and members of the choir. Mr. Burnett's new sacred song, "Abide With Me," specially deserves mention, composed for Miss Loewen's voice, whose expressive singing delighted the audience. Mr. Barton deserves praise for his labors in training the choir so admirably. The organist, who also accompanied with great precision, was in sympathy with the voices.



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Let us install one in your house. All sizes in stock, from 2½ to 12 inch. Press the button and we will do the rest in making our electric bells work like a charm. Our work in fitting up houses, public buildings, factories and stores with electrical supplies of all kinds is A. 1, and is unexcelled in scientific skill and expert work. All work promptly executed, and at small cost.

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The prettiest and nicest bay within easy reach of Victoria—just a forty minutes bike ride.

A few nice locations for summer cabins to be sold cheap, or rented on long lease, with option to buy. Water has been brought in iron pipes from a fine spring in the hillside above, and a constant supply to every cabin is guaranteed.

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34A GOVERNMENT STREET.

Full Court.—The full court will sit at Vancouver next week, commencing on Monday.

Best assortment of flags for decorations. Golden Rule Bazaar, 91 Douglas street. *

Club Meeting.—The Fernwood Athletic Association will hold a meeting this evening in the school room of the Baptist church, Spring Ridge, at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to attend.

Healthy Cattle.—A report from Inspector Gibbons of the department of agriculture, who has been on a tour through the Chilliwack valley, states that the cattle in that section are practically free from disease, only two being affected—one from tuberculosis.

Had to Adjourn.—The trial of Lim Sam v. Houston, an action brought to secure payment for labor supplied for a cannery, was to have been heard yesterday before a judge without a jury, but had to be adjourned, as a stenographer could not be secured.

Largest On Record.—The sacred band concert at Duncans on Sunday drew the largest crowd on record, over 700 going from Victoria and fully 300 from Nanaimo. It was an ideal day, and Bandmaster Finn and his men covered themselves with glory. Next Sunday the band will play at Goldstream.

Sunday Excursion.—The second of the series of excursions to Salt Spring Island by the Victoria & Sidney railway and steamer Iroquois on Sunday was a success, quite a number of fishermen going to Cushion lake. A special train brought the excursionists back at 8:30 in the evening.

Judge Swan Dead.—The death occurred at Port Townsend on Friday of Judge James G. Swan, one of the pioneers of the Sound country. For many years he took a deep interest in the fishing industry, being the first to introduce black cod to the markets. He also made a study of seal life and wrote interesting papers thereon.

Closing Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Epworth League and Sunday School Associations of the Methodist churches of the province was brought to a close with a largely attended mass meeting in the Metropolitan church on Sunday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. A. Lewis, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. Smith and Fife, of Vancouver, and Messrs. Shakespeare and Lory, of Victoria.

Injunction Continued.—In supreme court chambers yesterday, counsel for the plaintiff in Muirhead v. the City, an action brought by Mr. Muirhead for damages on account of the death of Mr. Holmes, whose estate he is the executor of, made application for the continuance of the injunction restraining the city from tearing down the old Point Ellice bridge. The motion stands over until to-morrow, the injunction being continued in the meantime. This means that the old eyesore stands during the celebration.

Attended Service.—The members of the two Victoria lodges of the Sons of England met at their lodge rooms in the A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday evening, and, headed by the City band, marched to the Centennial Methodist church. Here they were joined by the Daughters of England, and all attended divine service. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, whose text was, "Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the king." The church was very appropriately and prettily decorated with British flags. On the return to the lodge rooms votes of thanks were passed by the two lodges to Rev. Mr. Barraclough.

Borne to the Grave.—The funeral of the late R. B. Richardson occurred on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Knox conducting the services at the residence, Catherine street, and at the graveside. There was a large attendance of friends, and the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. H. Meldram, S. Duck, A. McKenzie, S. M. Okell, L. Goodacre and H. G. Hall. P. M. Yesterday morning the funeral of the late Mrs. Johnson took place from the residence of her son-in-law, E. Williams, John street, and later from St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Father Althoff. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. A. Coughlan, D. Divero, J. Porter and A. Byrngolfson.

"Charlie" Sheppard Dead.—Charles James Sheppard, the only son of Henry W. Sheppard, ex-chief of police, died on Sunday morning at the Jubilee hospital, after an illness extending over eight months. The deceased was a very popular young man, having a large circle of friends in this, his native city. He would have attained his eighteenth birthday next month. The young man distinguished himself for a number of years at the picnics of the Caledonian Society by carrying off the medals for the best-dressed boy in Highland costume. He had also been a bugler in the Fifth Regiment for three years. For some months previous to his illness he was employed by Messr. John Piercy & Co. Besides his father, a sister and a half-brother—Private Whiteley, serving with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa—survive him. The funeral will take place at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon from the family residence, Hill street, and later at St. John's church.

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Potlatch On The Reserve.

A Picturesque Celebration Marks Payment of a Sub-Chief's Debts.

Scrambles His Goods From House-Top to Struggling Throng Below.

There was a potlatch on the Indian reservation during the early hours yesterday morning.

Willie, sub-chief of the Songhees, then paid some long-standing debts to his fellow-tribesmen and their dark-hued relations from Cowichan and other nearby rancheries. From the position of a well-to-do siwash—owner of a buggy, a sailboat, a war canoe and many, many blankets, to say nothing of a long list of "other equally valuable and desirable effects," which were the envy of his neighbors, Willie suddenly dropped to that of the average resident of the reservation. Affluence became sufficiency.

In all, over two hundred persons attended the potlatch. The gathering began in the wee small hours, when the railway bridge was not even outlined in the gloom. The guests had been summoned by Willie, and they congregated in front of the old square hut of roughly hewn slabs which fronts on the roadway to the Marine hospital at a distance of some fifty feet from the railway bridge. A drift wood fire was built in the centre of the roadway, and the assembled guests sat in a circle around this, their bronze faces gleaming in the reflection of the roaring flames, giving the tout ensemble of the scene a wierdly picturesque effect.

The guests had hardly taken their seats when there was a demoniac yell from the blackness beyond the light of the fire. Then come a hurrying patter of bare feet, and a dancer, with a gaudy head dress of red flannel and heavily rouged brows and cheeks, and wearing the customary coat of feathers, broke into the circle. Then the dance began. One by one others took up the step, klootchmen as well as men, and soon a number were jumping up and down after the fashion of the conventional siwash dance, to the tune of a couple of tom-toms and the sing-songy chant of the onlookers. So the hours passed, with little intervals of feasting, until daylight—the hour of Willie's sacrifice of his property.

Then, mounting on the roof of the square home of many families, Willie made his "Wa-wa." He told of how glad he was to pay back his debts; of how great he was; and of innumerable other things which the translator dropped in the translation. His speech finished, the blankets were brought to him, together with shot-guns, silver dollars, carved planks and many other things on which the waiting siwashes looked with longing eyes. The klootchmen had retired to the background, and, waiting beneath the rostrum of the giver of the potlatch, the bucks stood like a crowd of schoolboys below a window where another was scrambling apples.

At last the signal was given, and Willie began to throw. A blanket was swung into the air, and as the wind caught it some hundreds of hands were stretched as high as the stature of the owners would permit. Down came the blanket, and it was in an instant clutched by at least a hundred. Then the Indians swayed to and fro in a heap, the weaker ones being swept aside and the woolen covering wrested from them. Still crowds clung on, and then one man near the corner drew a knife and cut as big a piece as he held. Others cut out pieces held by them, and soon the blanket was divided in small bits which would hardly have made a doll's covering.

Thus it was for some time. Blanket after blanket was struggled for. Some—but not a great proportion—being retained whole, those holding the larger areas bought out those with the lesser handfulls.

At length the blankets were exhausted. Then shot-guns were thrown from the roof and struggled for, like long bones for which a number of dogs held claim, until at last all competitors having been either bought off, or wrenched free, the guns passed into the possession of a more fortunate one. Silver dollars were scrambled and other desirable effects made the bone of contention of the struggling horde. Carved boards, totems bearing some yet unwritten siwash story, fancifully decorated paddles, hats, etc.—all were scrambled for and the holdings auctioned off as in the matter of the blankets.

Then came the potlatch of Willie's buggy. This up-to-date vehicle was standing on the road as the throne of an alligator-like totem, the mark of the family from which the sub-chief claimed inheritance. After due obeisance and proper observance of the totem had been made, it was lifted out, and, at a given signal, the siwashes raced to the buggy. It was yanked about and pulled up and down at the risk of tearing it apart until, like the other potlatched articles, the one who tugged for it more than his fellows bought out the others. The some procedure was carried on in the potlatching of a war canoe, then of a sailboat. The clientelle of some more prominent Indians fought, struggled and hauled the canoe and boat about, but there was always one or more of the stronger ones who could not be ousted, and until the price was paid, the struggle for possession continued.

So it went on. Article after article went, until when the workmen were hurrying to work soon after the breakfast hour yesterday, the greater portion of Willie's goods had been potlatched—his debt was paid.

This has been a week of celebration on the Indian reservation. On Saturday a big dance was held—the dance of the maskers. A number of Indians took part, all wearing big wooden masks, many having beaks which opened and shut with the pulling of strings, and this morning, as the Colonist reaches its readers, another potlatch is being held.

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Dawson Freights.—The day prior to the sailing of the Cottage City—May 15—a number of White Pass railway officials left for Dawson to arrange rates for this season's through traffic. They estimate that 25 per cent. more freight will go in this season than last.

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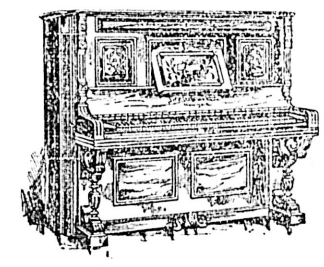

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The Cassiar Candidates.—News was received by the steamer Cottage City that Capt. Irving and C. W. D. Clifford arrived at Bennett on Tuesday last and were to address a political meeting on Thursday last. They went up by the steamer Danube after holding some successful meetings at Port Simpson. The residents of Bennett are planning a big Queen's Birthday celebration.

Gisburn Auction To-Day—Yesterday about three hundred people took advantage of the opportunity offered them to view the valuable contents of Mr. Irving's residence. The auction sale will be held to-day, commencing at 11 a.m. The Heintzman piano is one of the best offered at auction in this city for some time, and the plaques, bronzes, etc., were equally admired by all who examined them. The Cuthbert-Browne Co. are the auctioneers.

Lacrosse Match.—"Tend to business" is the motto the lacrosse boys have been working under since practice began, and they are all showing up well for the championship game with the New Westminster team on Saturday at Oak Bay. This game promises to be one of the best exhibitions of lacrosse ever witnessed here. The "boys in blue" will give the champions the hardest fight they have ever had, and the Westminster team announce their intention of defeating the home club, as they did the Vancouver twelve two weeks ago. However, this threat only tends to make the boys work harder. The team to represent Victoria will be chosen from the following: Norman, Lorimer, Belfry, C. L. Cullin, Burns, Blair, Finlayson, Schoefield, Tite, Stephen, Wilson, Smith, Melliss and Brown.

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Politics In North Ward

Four Opposition Candidates Explain Their Position to Spring Ridge Voters.

Mr Turner Again Elucidates W. W. B. McInnes' Peculiar Action.

Owing to the plethora of other matters occupying public attention in the way of active committee work for the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday, there was but a small attendance at the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, last evening, to meet the four opposition candidates, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. The meeting had been arranged for last Friday evening, but the good news from Mafeking and the attendant jubiliation had caused its cancellation. A new speaker in the political firmament was Mr. Ryan, who spoke as a workingman, and who, in the course of his remarks, proved himself a speaker of unusual ability. Lack of space and the lateness of the hour prevented full justice being done Mr. Ryan's oratorical effort.

Ex-Councillor Bragg was voted to the chair and introduced the first speaker, Hon. J. H. Turner, who was received with applause. The speaker, while regretting the smallness of the audience, knew that a large number had been kept away by celebration work. He was glad to note that they had present to-night a convert (Mr. Alex. Wilson) (laughter), one whom all knew and who carried much weight in the community. (Cheers.) Mr. Turner then referred to a report in the Times of a meeting held at Wellington last Saturday evening. Mr. Bryden had been the first speaker, and, as all knew, he was a most gentlemanly speaker and never made personal remarks. He had said that the treatment of the Turner government by the Governor was very unfair, and this was the only reference to the matter. Mr. Bryden had been followed by Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, who used very exaggerated language. Mr. McInnes stated that "Mr. Turner and his myrmidons" had solicited him to take a position in the government. He (Mr. Turner) felt astonished at this remark, and had gone to Mr. McInnes and the chairman and stated that Mr. McInnes' remark was false. He had been so astonished at the nerve of the man when he had witnesses to prove that he (McInnes) had come down to his (the speaker's) office to make arrangements to get into the government, and to bring over two supporters to Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner then related the circumstance in connection with the Private Secretary's visit to him at the finance department in connection with the effort to get his brother into the government. He had asked Mr. Turner, "Have you had a letter from the Governor?"

"Yes; I am just reading it again to get to the bottom of it," said Mr. Turner.

"I wrote it," was the reply of the Private Secretary. "I am the Governor's adviser in such matters, and there is a way out of the difficulty." Mr. McInnes then went on to make the offer of his brother's support, and went on: "My brother would like to see you about it and arrange it. I would like you to have a meeting and discuss the situation." Mr. Turner, in order to make sure that he would have witnesses, proposed a meeting in town and said:

"I would like him to call at my office in town," and on going to town he had made arrangements with his book-keeper to be present. This was a witness which Mr. Turner could produce at any time. During the conversation Mr. McInnes proposed that he should run for Cowichan, and Mr. Turner had said to him:

"Mr. McInnes, we have a certain line of policy; will you accept this?" and at the same time had asked for the names of the supporters who he was to bring over. This Mr. McInnes would not do, and was told by Mr. Turner that they should at least write or call and see him, and Mr. McInnes then withdrew, promising to see his friends and call again. A few days later he called and said that he could not give any names, but thought that he could in a few more days give the names required. The next day the letter of dismissal was received from the Governor.

Turning to the report of the Nanaimo meeting, Mr. Turner said that as the remarks attributed to Mr. Dunsmuir were not made in connection with this incident, but referred to some private matters between Mr. McInnes and the former. There could be no objection that that young man, in a sense of duty to his father, the Lieutenant-Governor, in order to save the latter's neck, should resign at Ottawa and try to help Mr. Martin in his contest with the people of the province.

Referring to Mr. McInnes' criticism of the Turner government's railway policy, Mr. Turner said that 9,000,000 acres had been alienated in the construction of 654 miles, which were built and running. Of this 1,500,000 had been granted in early days to secure the construction of the Island railway. Under the Clements (or original) bill, passed by Hon. Mr. Beaven, this grant was somewhat larger. This left 7,500,000 acres which caused the building of 654 miles of railway in British Columbia. With one or two small exceptions, all these had been built by land grants. At that time British Columbia could not afford to subsidize the companies, and to get these lines in exchange for land which could not be sold at $1 an acre was a very good bargain. If nearly $40,000 a mile had been paid for these lines, as they would cost to build as Mr. Martin proposes, the country would have had to pay $22,800,000, and the annual cost of $1,140,000 for interest and sinking fund for 50 years would have been assumed by the province. It should be remembered that the land is still there and can be taxed, and settlers can take it up at the same rate as the government had sold other lands. There could be no two opinions as to the relative merits of the two policies.

Mr. Turner then took up the Martinite charge that the Turner government was an extravagant one. He would remind his hearers that owing to the policy of the Turner government the result was such that the revenue of the province had increased enormously. In the year 1886-87 the revenue had been $537,000. Deducting the Dominion subsidy left $325,184 actually raised. Turn to 1897-98 and it would be found that $1,420,299, and again deducting the Dominion subsidy left $1,177,110. Here was an increase fourfold, and that, too, without the slightest increase in taxation. (Applause.) There was no other province that could show a lower rate of taxation, as many municipalities in Ontario paid as high as 4 per cent., and although this did not go to the government, still it affected the people just the same. It was only by increased prosperity of the province that could make such a showing as that given. The remedies suggested by the various platform makers were all deduced from the platform of the old government. It was impossible to open up the country and carry on improvements until the good name of the province had again been placed in the high position which it occupied previous to 1898. With respect to the Chinese question, Mr. McInnes had advocated the reenactment year after year of the laws disallowed by the Dominion government. He had stated that he had introduced at Ottawa and worked for the Natal Act, and stated that if that act had been secured it would have put a stop to the inrush. He also said that Ottawa was the only place where effective legislation could be secured, and yet that same gentleman had left Ottawa and had come out to British Columbia and now proposed to sidetrack the matter for four years, or until for four successive sessions the exclusion act had been re-enacted by the local government. This advocacy of Mr. McInnes was mere clap-trap and intended to catch votes. The whole opposition candidates should be returned by Victoria by such a majority as would show the province that they were against the carrying on of an arbitrary government—people throughout the province were against an arbitrary government.

No less than fifteen acts had been disallowed by the Dominion government of those passed at one session of the local house, which was a crying disgrace to the man who had charge of the legislation of the country. In closing, Mr. Turner referred to the unanimity with which all the towns he had visited had displayed in celebrating the victory of the British arms. And he could not understand how anyone in Victoria could go so far as to work in sympathy with the Boers. Yet he was informed that we had a prominent man in the city who actually forbid his children from standing up when "God Save the Queen" was sung. (Sensation and cry of "Names.") Mr. Turner would not give names, but said that it was a most strange thing that anyone would refuse to do so small an honor to one of the noblest women who had ever lived—Her Majesty Queen Victoria. (Applause.)

Mr. McPhillips was the next to take the platform, and in reference to the claim sometimes made that Mr. Martin was a man of his word, he thought that Mr. Martin's career in Manitoba would disprove this.

If ever there were a time when Mr. Martin could have carried out his present policy it was when the charter was secured for the Northern Pacific & Manitoba. Mr. Martin was also inimical to the bests interests of Manitoba in respect to the defeat of the Hudson Bay railway. This railway had a guarantee act of $4,500,000 and had made arrangements to build the road, when Mr. Martin cut down the bonus to $2,000 per mile and cut out the guarantee, which rendered the project one utterly unfit to be financed. This was another sample of Mr. Martin's railway policy.

One would have thought that Mr. Martin would have gone back to his Manitoba policy of immigration.

Mr. Martin now said that he had been instrumental in bringing in the opposition line to the C. P. R. against the veto of the Dominion, and that he would treat the Chinese question in the same manner. The two propositions were entirely different, and no one knew this better than Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin now prated of the sanctity of contracts, but what was the Railways' Aid Repeal Act of Mr. Martin? It had been amply proven that the Ashcroft railway had been financed and all was ready for active construction when the whole thing was wiped out by Mr. Martin's repeal bill. Mr. McPhillips referred to the action of Mr. Martin in connection with the Winnipeg Free Press and how Mr. Martin had gloated over the fact that (Martin) had ruined Mr. Luxton, all because Mr. Luxton, although a Liberal, had not fallen in with Mr. Martin. Mr. Luxton had had a contract with the Manitoba government for certain works and Mr. Martin had simply brought in an act abrogating the contract, and containing a clause that Mr. Luxton should not be at liberty to bring an action against the government. (Shame) In closing, Mr. McPhillips said that he had attended the meeting at Wellington on Saturday, and never heard a more inflammatory speech than that of Mr. McInnes, and it seemed that it was a great prostitution of a man's talents for anyone being a member of a learned profession and education, to use the language he had.

Mr. R. Hall was then called on by the chairman, and in opening, thought that while the frequency with which he and his colleagues had had to appear before the electors, seeking their suffrage, might have a tendancy to keep the political pot boiling; it also seemed to show that there was political unrest. Unrest and uneasiness was not good for the province as was patent to everybody. It had had the effect of stopping capital from coming into the province and it kept out the workingman and the settlers. While all agreed that the arrival of Chinese and Japanese in such numbers was not good for the country, at the same time it was foolish to say that it could be checked by simply re-enacting and firing back at Ottawa laws, as they were disallowed. It was well and good to have the legal day eight hours for the metalliferous and coal mines, but all the metalliferous mines were not dividend payers, and it would be fatal to fetter them too much. The miners should be at liberty to work overtime if they so desired, and all these matters should be adjusted amicably.

Mr. Helmcken was the next speaker. He took up the "glittering" programme as put forward by those who want to retain power and which he thought the audience would agree, had already been flayed alive. One of the local measures, on which the government expected to gain votes was their stand on the Mongolian question. This was simply this: "Leave the question to us and we will secure a remedy." This was all very well, but he said he and his colleagues could say the same thing. Mr. Helmcken then gave some particulars of the provisions of the Natal Act, showing those who were exempt from and those who came under its operation. The Chinese have here to deposit $50, while the Natal Act made provision for £100 to be so deposited, and one way of dealing with this question was to raise the deposit or tax from $50 to $500. Another remedy was for the people not to employ that kind of labor, and here it was the people had not done what they might. The question must be tackled in the homes. Mr. Dunsmuir has set an example (applause) and in his address promised to do away with Chinese in his employ just as soon as he could get white men to take their places. Even the Japanese consul at Vancouver now saw that public opinion would soon force the Dominion government to pass a law dealing with the Japanese in a similar manner, and it was by agitation and not by aggravation that the co-operation of the Dominion government was to be secured. Of what earthly use will it be to re-enact an act as soon as it is disallowed. It will probably call attention, but there would be nothing like dumping these aliens right in amongst people in the East. He was in favor of approaching the British government in a threatening manner, as other more effective steps could and should be taken. The Chinese question had been treated fairly in Australia, and there was no reason why we should not succeed in a similar manner. In closing, Mr. Helmcken reminded the electors that it was not so much a question of policy as between the government and the opposition, but as to whether the people were going to have constitutional government. (Applause.)

In deference to many calls, Mr. R. Ryan came forward. He for one was not misled by the seeming enthusiasm of some of the supporters of Mr. Martin; it did not count when it came to a vote. The same crowd who would follow a band because it played a certain tune, generally were not on hand when a scrap started. The position that the workingmen had was through no works of those who were always saying what they would do for the workingman. Good honest laws which protected the moneyed men as well as the workers was what was wanted, as then money was plentiful and wages were good. The closing of the mines and the troubles in the Kootenay country had caused much hardship and given the country a black eye. The trouble was finally settled by a conference between the workmen and mine owners and the politicians had had no part in it; and if they were always let alone they would get on better than by any unsought eight hour law. Govern the country in such a manner that capital will come in and workingmen will settle their little difficulties with the bosses without the interference of politicians.

A man must be treated as he acts, and those who said that the members in walking out of the house had insulted the Queen were not correct. Mr. Ryan, amid laughter, related the incident in connection with the blackguard in Dawson City who wrapped the Stars and Stripes around him and requested some one to kick him. As well might it be said that the man who accommodated him and gave him a rousing boost had insulted the American flag as to say that the members had insulted Her Majesty in treating Mr. McInnes as they had done.

The Queen never broke a constitutional precedent, and Mr. McInnes had. He had been careful not to break any constitutional law, but there were laws stronger than any in the statute books, and Mr. McInnes had broken one of these. (Applause.)

With a vote of thanks to the chairman and three cheers for the Queen the meeting came to a close.

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Without A License Law.

Premier Martin Says Anybody Can Sell Liquor in the Districts.

Amounts Paid For Licenses to Be Returned to the Payers.

The big fir tree at Colwood about which modern times had erected a cyclists' rest, was further surrounded yesterday afternoon by rows of planks by Mine Host Demers for an open air meeting, but the wind was blowing to strongly, and so the political camp meeting was carried over to the school house. School was in session, but as Premier Martin called the meeting that did not count, and the children were delighted to be turned out in favor of their elders.

The electorate turned out in large numbers, and shortly after half-past three Mr. A. J. Fraser, of Metchosin, took the chair and at once introduced Mr. Martin to the meeting.

Mr. Martin announced that he would speak for an hour and then leave the meeting to others, as he noticed Mr. Pooley, Mr. Haywood and Mr. Higgins were present. In a humorous way the Premier then attacked the opposition generally because of its divisions and lack in leadership. Many of them agreed with much of the government platform, but all objected to that bad man Martin. This was the one point upon which they united. It was not the principles, but the man with a bad name.

A Voice—Why don't you change the name? (Laughter.)

Mr. Martin—"Well, that might help." He then took up Mr. Hayward's platform and ridiculed it as ungrammatical. He had been a schoolmaster himself, and as such he began to look for subject, verb, and ended by declaring that there was no object there at any rate.

Mr. Hayward's stand against the actions of the Lieutenant-Governor was then discussed at some length. During this a rather amusing incident was occasioned by the Premier attempting to catechise the candidates present as to whom the Governor should have called when Mr. Semlin had lost the confidence of the house. To this Messrs. Pooley and Higgins both agreed that Mr. Turner, leader of the opposition, should have been called in. Mr. Hayward went farther and stated that Mr. Martin was the last man that should have been selected for that honor.

Referring to the Semlin government, Mr. Martin dated its downfall from the day when in order to effect certain changes of principles, he (the speaker) had been weeded out. The chief change had been upon the question of Mongolian labor. This, he charged, was brought about by the C. P. R. through Mr. Cotton, who was that company's agent.

Regarding the premiership, Mr. Martin continued, the Governor could not call on anyone else than himself. He was the fittest man.

A Voice—You think so.

Mr. Martin—Yes, I do, and so does this province.

Voice—Oh, you're not so many.

After speaking for some time further upon the Mongolian question, the B. C. Southern land grant and the Nanaimo harbor coal grant, the Premier explained his policy regarding roads, trails and bridges. No longer would the reply of "no money" be heard as an excuse for not building these public works. Money was to be borrowed, and the increased facilities would greatly increase the number of tax payers who would have to repay it. There was a risk no doubt, but if the province was not worth opening up, what was it worth? Bonds would be sold and the works pushed forward just as was done in the cities.

Mr. Pooley—Is this to be by way of local improvement and each place pay for its own?

Mr. Martin—No; the province generally would pay.

Upon the government railway, the Premier repeated the remarks made by him all over the Mainland, but for convenience sake replaced the products of the Lower Fraser country with those of Vancouver Island. It was but 200 miles from Victoria to the Kootenay, and the points could and must be united. This road would compete with the C. P. R., but it would pay from the start.

Mr. Martin then spoke at some length upon his old standing in the Greenway and Semlin governments, claiming to have been the one pure man and upright amongst them all. He was "bad" because he would not go into deals and share up grafts. The newspapers were against him and so were the lawyers, but as yet no charge had been made to stick. Upon this matter he talked on for about an hour, and then came back to the Victoria-Kootenay railway. To a question from Mr. Perry Mills he replied that it would cost about $15,000 per mile and not more than six or eight millions of dollars in all. The country was an easy one to build in and the Hope Pass was far from the difficult piece of work that so many people thought.

A Voice—Will you build a smelter here and give us a mill? (Laughter.)

Mr. Martin—If this is a proper place for a smelter one will be built here.

Turning again to Mr. Hayward's proclamation, Mr. Martin aggressively attacked the "Independent" candidacy position generally. He intended having two candidates here and would have nothing to do with anyone who did not come out straight for him. He had no special promises for Esquimalt, but would have his own candidate here.

A Voice—Won't you pay their deposits when they lose them? (Laughter.)

After speaking briefly upon the liquor license question, Mr. Martin was asked by Mr. Higgins the following question:

"Is there any liquor license law in the province to-day?"

Mr. Martin—"None at all."

"And can anyone sell?"

"Yes, and the licensed dealer has no recourse."

Mr. Martin then promised that the license moneys already sent in would be repaid upon application being made for it, and said he would see that he would attend to Mr. Demers' and Mr. Dubois', the local hotel keepers, cases and have the money sent out.

Mr. Martin then said that he must go to Sooke, and left the meeting, after speaking over two hours. A few followers tried to raise a cheer, but the crowd laughed and wended its way out.

The Premier having thus talked out the afternoon, no one else could be heard, but all the candidates followed him down to Sooke, in the hope that he could not get away from them there.

NOT JUST WHAT SHE MEANT.

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"Ah," she exclaimed with great enthusiasm, "that must be why you keep so secluded."—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE SPIRIT OF CONTRARINESS.

"No, I'll never apply for a divorce from my husband."

"And why not?"

"Because he says he won't oppose my application."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE USUAL WAY.

Lady—It seems to me these berries are rather small.

Peddler—I'm sure they have got their full growth, ma'am.

Lady—Well, I'm sure your quart boxes haven't got theirs. Chicago News.

EVIDENTLY HOLDING HANDS.

"Is that young man in the parlor with Maude still?" asked her father, suddenly looking up from his paper.

"Very still," replied her mother.—Chicago News.

HIS PRIVATE OPINION.

Guest—Here, waiter, hand me a paper.

Waiter—Which one, sir.

Guest—Oh, the best one.

Waiter—Sorry, sir, but the boss doesn't subscribe for it.—Chicago News.

FACTS IN THE CASE.

Old Lady, (to drunken beggar)—Aren't you ashamed to ask for alms?

Beggar—Yesh'm; but I only (hic) do it when I'm (hic) full an' can't work at me (hic) trade.

Old Lady—What is your trade?

Beggar—I'm a (hic) burglar, ma'am.—Chicago News.

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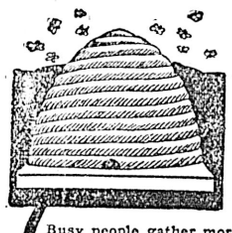

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Many Chinese Drowned

Steamer Swamped and One Hundred and Forty Celestials Swept to Death.

Faster Mail Service to the Orient—Steamers Racing From Japan.

Steamer Kinshiu Maru arrived at the outer wharf yesterday with 351 Asiatics and 12 saloon passengers, including Frank F. Meed, a Yokohama banker, and Messrs. Duboordieu and Coles, of Kobe, well known Oriental business men. Of her passengers 186 landed here—107 Japanese and 79 Chinese. The cargo was light, about 1,000 tons in all, of which 30 tons were landed here.. She had 30 bales of silk in transit to New York.

The Kinshiu left Yokohama on the 7th, and therefore brings seven days' later advices of the Far East than those received by the Empress of India. News was received by her of an awful marine catastrophe on the China coast, 140 lives being lost in the wreck of a Chinese steamer. The disaster was due to the overcrowding of the vessel. The Foochow Echo, which tells the story, says: "The native owned steam launch Kwong Yut, bound from Kwongtow with passengers for Foochow and towing a boat laden with coal, was approaching the Mingan Pass when she was met by the S. S. Haitan, outward bound, and the wash from that steamer appears to have either created a panic amongst the passengers or to have caused such a roll as to throw them all on one side—whichever way it was, the launch failed to recover her equilibrium and sank, taking the coal-laden boat with her. The loss of life is reported at 140, the rest of the passengers and crew—said to number some 50 to 60—having escaped through being able to swim to the shore."

Advices were also received by the Kinshiu that the Japanese naval authorities have been experimenting with wireless telegraphy during the recent naval manoeuvres. Capt. Tonami, who is regarded as the introducer of the system into the Japanese navy, fitted up apparatus on the deck of the despatch-boat Miyako, and conducted communications with other vessels daily. It is stated that the experiments have been a great success, and that certain vessels in the harbor of Kobe have been exchanging communications with the warships assembled in the Kii-Awaji Channel or in the vicinity of Kuroye Bay, Kyushu.

During the recent manoeuvres the cruiser Kasagi collided with and all but sunk the Japanese merchant steamer Meyajima Maru. The ram of the warship cut a hole six feet in length in the merchant vessel's side, and had she not been in close proximity to the beach, whither she was driven with all speed, she would have been lost. As it was, her stern sank in deep water, and her passengers had a narrow escape from drowning.

RETURNING SEALERS.

Boat's Crew Lost by the Schooner Sadie Turpel Brought Back to Port.

Sealing schooners Penelope, Capt. D. G. Macaulay, and Borealis, Capt. T. Harold, arrived yeserday afternoon, the former with 232 skins and the latter with 249. The Penelope brought home the lost boat's crew of the unfortunate Sadie Turpel, Mate Gellon, Charlie Douphy and Ed. Allen. They were lost from their schooner on April 19 and were picked up some hours after, after being swept about in the gale which raged that night, by the schooner Aurora. The two Indians lost from the Turpel were, however, never recovered. The Aurora, intending to go to the Copper Islands, whither she has now proceeded, the shipwrecked sealers were placed on board the Penelope on April 22. Both captains have the same story to tell as those who arrived before them, of seals in plenty, but terrible storms, which did not often allow of lowering. A large number of the schooners have begun their preparations for the Behring sea cruise. The Arietis was hauled out yesterday for repairs and the Ocean Rover towed in to her wharf.

The Islander this morning carries two shipments of sealskins en route to the London market. One is that of 36 casks, being sent to the British dealers by the Hudson Bay Co., and the other, 25 casks, shipped by R. P. Rithet & Co. The approximate value of the skins is $45,000.

Steamer Danube, which arrived on Sunday from Skagway, had but eight passengers. George McCondock, of the river steamer Reaper; S. Shires, of the C. D. Co.; J. A. McMartin, Canadian customs officer at Bennett; W. Ross, K. Williams, L. Cuppage and R. Mansell, who have been prospecting on the Skeena. When she sails again for the North, on Wednesday evening, the Danube will have a large cargo, for with the opening of navigation, as told in another column, merchants are rushing forward their shipments to the Northern country.

ORIENTAL LINERS.

Two of the Faster Ones Due to Arrive This Week.

The steamer Kirshiu Maru is the first of quite a fleet of Oriental liners to come in to the outer wharf this week. Others are the steamers Victoria, Glenogle and Breconshire, of the Northern Pacific line, which are expected to reach the quarantine station on Wednesday and Thursday. The coming of the first named two liners is being awaited by the shipping fraternity with interest, for, according to report, the crack liner which was named after this port and the latterly acquired steamer Glenogle are having a trial of speed. The Victoria sailed from Yokohama on the 9th and the Glenogle from Kobe on the same day. The Breconshire also sailed on the 9th, but she is accounted slower than the other two steamers.

LUMBER CHARTERS.

Defiance to Load Props at Prevost Island For Mexican Mines.

The four-masted schooner Defiance, Capt. Belor, is at the quarantine station. She came over from Port Angeles on Sunday. After passing quarantine she will come into Esquimalt to-day to go on the marine ways to be cleaned, painted and overhauled. She is under charter to W. A. Ward to load mining props for the Mexican mines at Prevost Island. Another vessel, which was yesterday chartered by Mr. W. A. Ward, was the schooner Corona, a vessel of 374 tons. She will load at one of the British Columbia mills. Her destination has not yet been chosen. The Corona is now on her way to Honolulu, from which port she will come here. She sailed for the Island from Honolulu on April 14.

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THE DERELICT PETREL.

News From the Fishing Vessel Which is Adrift Off the Coast.

When the brief message from Lighthouse Keeper Daykin at Carmanah was received a few days ago, telling of the arrival at Clo-oose of two men from a small schooner, and of how one man had been left on the vessel, helpless, to navigate her in the storms then raging, it was expected that the little vessel would meet with disaster. Such, however, was not the case, for on Thursday last the little schooner, since learned to be the Petrel, of Astoria, one of the fishing fleet, arrived off Cape Beale, and the man left on board the vessel sent the following telegram to his owners: "Chris and dory lost Tuesday, 6 a.m., in heavy gale. Lost lines and anchor. Just got in myself. Petrel is east of the lighthouse. Small anchor and buoy at Neah Bay. Am alone three days. Send tug. Wire answer. (Signed) Sam."

The Petrel, which is owned by E. Rawlins, of Seattle, and a Portland man, sailed from Astoria on May 8. The crew consisted of three men, Christopher Hansen, his brother John Hansen, and Sam. J. Gibson. The message must have been mis-sent, as the two men lost from the schooner managed to reach shore in safety and afterwards made their way to Neah Bay. According to the telegram as sent, Christopher Hansen is reported drowned. Nothing has since been heard of the little schooner, of the men who arrived at Neah Bay, or of its lone mariner, C. J. Gibson. The lighthouse keepers at both Cape Beale and Carmanah have been asked by the owners to do what they can to save the schooner.

THE HERO LIBELED.

Captain and Stevedore Yorke Have a Falling Out Over Work on the Steamer.

Steamer Hero sailed for Comox yesterday afternoon, to take another cargo of coal for Ounalaska. Before going, bonds were put up for her by the local agents, the steamer having been libeled by Frank Yorke, the local stevedore, on account of a dispute over the painting of the steamer at Esquimalt. Frank Yorke secured the contract for the work and was carrying it out when the captain demanded that the work be done, not as Mr. Yorke's men were doing it, but as he directed. Mr. Yorke did not agree to this, and as a result of the dispute the men were called from their work and the steamer libeled for about $900, to cover the cost of work done. The work was finished by the Esquimalt marine railway staff. Mr. Yorke left for Nome on the morning following the action, and the case will not likely come up for trial until his return.

IMPROVING THE SERVICE.

Oriental Lines Adding to and Improving Their Already Large Fleets.

Steamer Tosa Maru sailed for the Orient yesterday, loaded to her capacity, which is about 10,000 tons, with general freight. On her arrival on the Japan coast she will be placed in the hands of the shipbuilders as soon as her cargo is discharged. While her freight space is to be unimpaired, she is to be made more fit to accommodate the missionaries, globe-trotters and others who travel across the Pacific. A new deck will be put in, with staterooms galore, fitting her to carry a great crowd of saloon passengers. She is, in fact, to be made a rival of the famous white liners of the C. P. R., the three Empresses. The Idzumi Maru, whose place in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line the Tosa Maru took, is also to be continued in the service, thus giving the Japanese line a fleet of four vessels, instead of three, as heretofore.

The Empress line will also be increased, in all probability, before many months have passed, by the addition of two other steamers, so that a fortnightly service will be given. The addition to the C. P. R. line has been long rumored, and the opposition in England and Hongkong against the continuance of the large subsidy given by the Imperial government for a taree-weekly service has had the effect of accelerating the work of improvement. It has been announced that two steamers are to be added, and a rumor has been going the rounds, seemingly based on good authority, that the present liners, the three Empresses, are to be taken from the route and placed on the Australian run, and five new and better steamers built for the Oriental run. The Hongkong chamber of commerce when the Kinshiu Maru left had before them the question of an improved service by the Empresses, and a resolution was passed that the present mail contract, which expires in May of next year, be renewed if a fortnightly service is given. The steamer Tartar, now bound to the Orient, is to be put in the dry dock at Kowloon and altered. What with the improved C. P. R. and N. Y. K. lines, and the recent additions to the N. P. line, as well as the promised leviathan freighters of Jim Hill, the Oriental fleet sailing out of this port is a rapidly growing one—but it is growing no faster than is the fast accumulating trade with the Far East.

MARINE NOTES.

Two of the Oriental Liners Racing Across the Pacific to Victoria.

Steamer San Blas, one of the Cape Nome fleet sailing out of San Francisco, is expected to pass up to Vancouver tomorrow to take on passengers for Cape Nome. The insurance underwriters are taking greater precautions in the case of the Nome-bound vessels than they did during the Dawson rush, and the regulations insisted on by them are most stringent. One of the new rulings requires the carrying of extra heavy and space anchors and cables. The holding ground being so poor, these precautions

Capt. Griffiths, who was master of the river steamer Willie Irving, one of those wrecked last year, will attempt to raise her this spring.

Steamer Willapa sailed for the West Coast on Sunday. Among her passengers was Col. Hayes, of the Alberni mines, and H. Reynolds, who went down to look over the property.

The sloop yacht Xora, which sailed from here on July 5, last year, to go around the Horn to the Paris exposition via ports, has been sold at San Diego, where she was left when the expedition was called off. She will be converted into a fishing boat.

BORROWING THE BABY.

"Good mornin'. My ma sent me
To ast you how you was,
An' hope you're well—you know 'at is
Th' way she allus does.
My ma—she sez, you're strangers,
But then she kind o' thought
She'd like to borry th' baby
'At you folkses 'as got.

"My ma sets by th' winder
An' watches you an' him,
An' kind o' smiles an' cries to wunst
'Cause he's like baby Jim.
Who's Jim? He was our baby—
We named him after pa.
Say, c'n we borry your baby
A little while fer ma?

"My ma she sez she wouldn't
Mind if your baby cried.
She sez 't 'd be like music—
Since little Jim has died.
She sez she'll be good to him,
An' she'd like a whole lot,
If we can borry the baby
'At you folkses 'as got."

—Josh Wink, in Baltimore American.

ONE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE

"Have you reason to be proud of your ancestors?"

"I don't know. I'm too busy trying to give my ancestors reason to be proud of me to pass judgment on them."—Chicago Post.

In Sulu Society.— "Is he a bachelor?" "Comparatively. He has only 12 wives." —Life.

In the Bakery.—Jaggs—"Did you ever see a cakewalk? Waggs.—No, but I've seen a cracker box.—Chicago News.

An Imitative Dog.—"Bixby's dog is a great imitator. He can stand on his hind legs and drink from a bottle." "I suppose he has often seen his master do that."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Downward Path.—"Brethren," said the repentant man at the revival meeting, "mine is a sad story. I was born in Brooklyn, but soon went from bad to worse." "How long did you stay in New York?" asked the long-whiskered man near the organ.—Baltimore American.

But It Hadn't.—"Here's the clockmaker come to fix our sitting-room clock," said the funny man's wife; "won't you go up and get it for him?" Why, it isn't upstairs, is it?" replied he, lazily. "Of course it is. Where did you think it was?" "Oh! I thought it had run down."—Philadelphia Press.

Simply Hadn't Learned Yet.—The Rev. Dr. Queen, observing the janitor wobbling about uncertainly on his new wheel in the street in front of the church, called out: "George, do you ever take a header?" "No, Doctah Queen," replied George, with visible indignation, "I nevah take nothin' strongah 'n cawfee!"—Chicago Tribune.

Doubtful.—"These Boers are an agricultural people," said the man who wears knickerbockers and smokes a short pipe. "Yes," answered Mr. Cofflossel. I don't pertend to know much about international politics, but I must say I begin to feel kind o' skittish about them fellers' chances as soon as I found out they was a farmers' alliance."—Washington Star.

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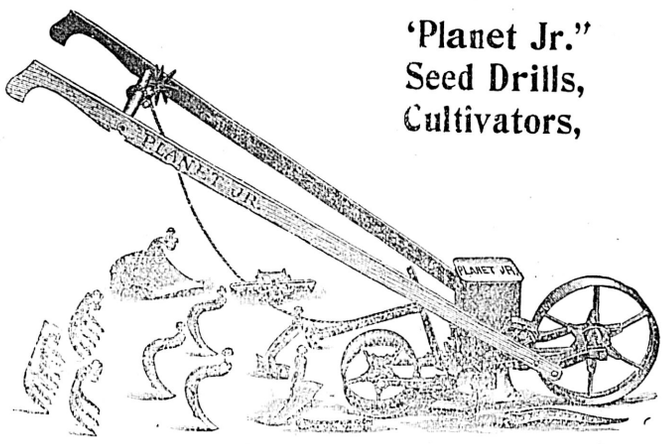

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
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SYNOPSIS.

The barometer remains high off the North Pacific Coast and low in California and east of the Rockies. This distribution of air pressure will cause continued cool sea breezes along the Coast. The weather is generally fair from the Pacific to the Great Lakes. The temperature rose to 86 in Manitoba and 90 in the Sacramento Valley.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	51	65
New Westminster	50	60
Kamloops	46	66
Barkerville	36	56
Calgary	44	64
Winnipeg	50	86
Portland, Ore.	54	62
San Francisco, Cal	52	70

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours ending 5 a.m. (Pacific time, Tuesday:

Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh winds, continued fair, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Moderate winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 19.

5 a.m.	49	Mean	57
Noon	63	Highest	66
5 p.m.	60	Lowest	49

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

a.m. 4 miles southwest.
Noon 8 miles southwest.
5 p.m. 12 miles south.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—3 hours 18 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.064
Corrected 30.065

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.08

MONDAY, May 21.

5 a.m.	51	Mean	58
Noon	61	Highest	65
5 p.m.	54	Lowest	51

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 12 miles southwest.
Noon 18 miles southwest.
5 p.m. 24 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—.04 inch.
Sunshine—6 hours 54 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.069
Corrected 30.075

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.04

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An Awakening About Atlin.

Grievance of That Section Discussed Before the Board of Trade.

Several Important Amendments To the Existing Laws are Suggested.

At yesterday afternoon's special meeting of the board of trade, called for the purpose of discussing conditions in the Atlin mining district, the liveliest interest in the subject was evinced by those present, important addresses being delivered by Mrs. Marion Hitchcock and Messrs. W. Wallace Grime, John Grant, Capt. Worsnop and others. The chief points which received attention were the need of a county court judge, provision against claim-jumping, better title to claims, and the need of more roads and trails.

There were present Vice-President L. G. McQuade, in the chair, W. T. Andrews, C. H. Lugrin, James Thompson, Walter S. Fraser, A. G. McCandless, J. J. Shallcross, B. W. Pearse, A. L. Belyea, A. E. McPhillips, A. Lindsay, H. D. Helmcken, Q. C., members; Mrs. Marion Hitchcock and Messrs. John Grant, W. Wallace Grime and Capt. Worsnop, by invitation.

The chairman thought that as the question of conditions in Atlin was a most important one, it would be well for the members present, though there was hardly a quorum, to hear the remarks of the visitors and others who might speak, and refer the matter to the council of the board of trade, with a request for speedy action. He asked Mr. C. H. Lugrin to first address the board.

Mr. Lugrin thought there were others present who could speak with more knowledge of the exact conditions in Atlin and the grievances complained of. He regretted that Mr. Percy Whitehead, who had come over to attend the meeting called for Friday afternoon last, could not stay in the city. He had been asked by that gentleman to hand the following letter to Mr. Ward:

Sir:—I much regret that on account of business requiring my time and attention at home, that I will be unable to attend your meeting Monday. I quite expected to meet with the gentlemen of your board yesterday, (Friday), but the unforseen circumstances of the celebration of Mafeking's relief, which caused the adjournment until Monday of course precluded that pleasure.

I am pleased to find that some interest is being taken by Victorians in the Atlin district; the Colonist and Times particularly, constantly calling these matters to the attention of your citizens, and the board of trade, who, it is hoped, will take steps to induce the miner and prospector to locate in that country on the Canadian side, so well known on account of its rich placer mines. When this is done, capital will follow in the wake.

When you consider that the output for the Klondike district for the year was over $16,000,000, which undoubtedly will increase each year, as the population and development work increases, you can then commence to realize what the possibilities are for the Atlin district, where Nature has hidden such rich treasures; the finds so far indicating that this section has a future equal to the Klondike. When you stop to consider the enormous mileage of Alaska, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territory and their valuable mineral resources, you can safely predict many permanent, busy mining camps, of which Atlin is one already, and I am safe in stating that the rich quartz ledges in and contiguous to that city will startle the mining world some day.

Nature has done more than man could ask for. The wonderful water courses are almost beyond comprehension; Bennett Lake, Taku Arm, Atlin Lake and the hundreds of other lakes and rivers in themselves, will attract the attention of the world some day. Few people yet realize what wonderful bodies of water exist in that country, which will be great aids in the march of commerce in opening up the easiest, safest and quickest routes to points remotely inland.

In addition to the Atlin district you have the Big Horn and White Horse, which are sure to attract capital, a number of valuable quartz locations having already been made there; then there is all of that territory tributary to Lake Teslin, which will, without doubt, be found to possess both quartz and placer mines. It would appear to me that Victoria could not make a better investment than to have a corps of prospectors doing nothing else but prospecting for quartz locations, turning them over without cost to the capitalists who would agree to develop the properties. I would suggest to you that your board should have a good live committee on mines and mining comprised of gentlemen who would give a reasonable amount of their time each week to these matters a committee that will put activity into the movement, and by their energy, awake a broad spirit of enthusiasm among all, performing this duty with a true liberal spirit of local pride or patriotism, rather than any individual gains that may be obtained therefrom.

Boards of trade are recognized in all commercial circles as a responsible evidence of the prosperity of any city, and the fact that your splendid city of Victoria has realized the necessity of such an institution is greater reason why your members should show the stuff they are made of, and prove that they are fully alive to the development of the great resources of their country. The proper kind of encouragement would overcome any serious obstacles in the way of success and counterbalance the reflections made on your mining districts by the few pessimistic individuals who attempt to decry the present resources and tremendous possibilities of your mining interests, but you must immediately pass such legislative laws as will safeguard capital, and give equal protection to native born or alien prospectors.

I am publishing a magazine, and through this medium will do all in my power to promote the interests of the districts I have mentioned. The magazine is a monthly publication, and the mining department which has been added, commencing June number will contain about 40 pages of reading matter, in addition to illustrations. I am sending a special representative to write up all of the territory around Atlin, Big Horn, Bennett, White Horse, etc., doing this at my own expense, and am ready at all times to co-operate with your board in promoting the interests of a country I so well know is among the best mineral countries of the world.

PERCY D. WHITEHEAD.

In Mr. Lugrin's opinion the condition of affairs in Atlin was the most important question which had been brought to the board's attention for a long time. The development of Atlin under proper laws meant a great deal for the whole of the province, and especially for the business men of the Coast cities. But he was afraid we had not obtained proper laws for the successful administration of that district. Mr. Graham, the gold commissioner, was a gentleman of ability, and no doubt tried to do his duty. But he was handicapped by having only limited powers. However, that was a question they would hear more about from the other speakers. It should be borne in mind that Atlin was a long way from the seat of government, and special arrangements would have to be made to meet the difficulties which from time to time crop up. As he understood it, the main grievances which were complained of at present were the jumping of claims, the inadequacy of title, and the inability of farmers to get a proper quantity of land for the raising of crops. He had been informd that if a man wants a piece of land for the purpose of doing ranching in a small way, he can only get a five years' lease. This was a most absurd provision. No man could be induced to take up land under these conditions. He had been told that Atlin was capable of doing something in the way of agriculture. Dr. Dawson in his report to the Dominion government had said there was no reason why Atlin should not produce hardy vegetables in abundance. He thought it a great mistake to put obstacles in the way of agricultural development.

The board ought to impress upon the business men the advantages of developing Atlin. First of all capital must be induced to take hold of the district. And this could only be done by the enactment of wise and proper laws. It was an immense country, and great hydraulic properties would be developed, which means the creation of a large market. He would have something further to say at a later stage of the meeting. He felt as a Victorian that it was his bounden duty to do all he could to bring about the proper development of Atlin. (Applause.)

(Mr. Lugrin was unable to carry out his intention of addressing the board further, as he was hurriedly called out of the city.)

Mrs. Marion Hitchcock, who is largely interested in Atlin, was the next speaker. She said:

"I have come to make an appeal to you this afternoon. Do you know or do you begin to realize that the government is running a gigantic swindling scheme? If I prove this to your satisfaction, as well as eight other accusations that I have to make, will you not come to the rescue of the poor boys in Atlin who so sadly need your assistance? I have laid the case before those who were recently in authority, and have tried to reach those who are hoping to hold the reins, but although they all express great sympathy, no one seems to have the power to act.

"I am leaving again to-morrow for the camp, and have come to you to place the matter in your hands. In each moment of delay there is danger. I beg that you will protest against a continuance of present injustice, decidedly, vigorously, and with absolute refusal to become a party to such fraud.

"My second accusation is that after the government has robbed its victims, it gives them no judge to whom to appeal until it has starved them and reduced them to such a condition that when the judge finally makes his appearance the victims have been placed in a position by the actions of the government such that they are not able to pay the fee demanded before their case will be tried.

"My third accusation is that the government is guilty of and responsible for the consequent despair, slow starvation, illness and death which ensue.

"My fourth accusation, that a magistrate has been placed in the little camp of Atlin to decide petty matters, and that his decisions have given such general dissatisfaction that many petitions have been sent for his recall, but unfortunately without effect.

"Accusation No. 5—The government have turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of those who have needed a hospital; have allowed the Presbyterian church to build one, which those of us who went there with money to invest in the country have been called upon to support.

"No. 6—That whereas nurses have been needed to succour and care for those whom they have starved into illness, we, who had not only eight, but more than sixteen hours of work to do daily, have been called upon to perform the duties of trained nurses, because we would not hear later, when before the Great Throne, 'I was sick and ye visited me not,' and so our time, which was more precious than gold, was freely given to the victims of the government.

"No. 7—Insufficient police protection is accorded life and property in the Atlin country, where four men only—a chief and three assistants—were maintained (when I left the camp in October) to represent the authority of the law in this new and unsettled community of great area. Two of the police force were detained on an island, where duty had called them; the other two were obliged to patrol creeks many miles from town, leaving its inhabitants of men who were forced by the pangs of hunger to break in and steal.

"My eighth and final accusation is that this government is guilty of placing almost insurmountable obstacles in the road to progress and prosperity. It utterly fails to realize that it is governing one of the richest mineral countries which exists in the world. Capital is loudly knocking at a barred and bolted door.

"Revenue is to suffer strangulation unless you can be aroused to aid in toppling over the boulders. Punish the blackmailers (for no other word expresses it) who offer to remove their stake for the petty sum of $25.

"Had I no mines, no interests whatever in the Atlin country, had I gone there simply on a pleasure trip, after having witnessed the cruel injustice as practised upon the poor pioneers, conscience would not allow me to abandon the 'boys' who are now in despair after all their hard work, and so I came to plead with you to be up and doing, to cast aside whatever indifference you may feel towards that new country.

"After having made a strong plea for Atlin recently at a public meeting, a prominent official said to me: 'As you are a woman I maintained silence, but if a man had made such charges.' Do you think women have so little common sense that they wish to be allowed to make false statements? Do you think them cowards desiring to hide behind the shield of sex? Holding before me no shield, I court the investigation of every charge. Each statement made by me this afternoon I can prove, feeling confident that, can I but gain your sympathy, you will fight with me, that the life of this baby camp may be saved, and as it grows in strength and power and riches, great will be your reward." (Loud applause.)

Mr. John Grant, at the invitation of the chairman, next addressed the meeting. He had to thank the members of the board for their kind invitation. It was unfortunate that there was not a larger attendance, because Atlin was a district of vast importance to the business men of Victoria and other Coast cities—one which should not be overlooked. He had hoped to see more of the interested members present. He thought as a first step in the direction of reform in Atlin, the legislature should immediately on its reassembling pass a strong resolution indicating that there would be no further tampering by the government with the laws affecting that district. This ought to be done for the purpose of restoring the confidence of outside capital. Up to fifteen months ago there was a feeling of confidence, but that feeling had been shattered, and distrust existed now. This was, in his opinion, a most important phase of the situation, and early steps should be taken to correct the evil. As indicating how important was the district, he might mention that Cassiar, in which district Atlin was situated, contributed in revenue for the year ending June 15 of last year, the sum of $111,000, and of this sum $87,000 came from Atlin. Since the 30th June and up to the 31st March, the amount collected from Atlin was $52,369; and no doubt the revenue would reach $70,000 before the 30th of June this year. It was true the royalty collected from the output of gold was not as large as it might have been. This was no doubt due to the fact that a number of the miners did not report. He thought it ought to be advocated that a certain sum should be exempt from the royalty tax—say up to $2 or $3 per day. There is no exemption of the royalty on quartz mining. One reason why the output last year was not large was in consequence of the many disputes. He thought the government should exempt a certain portion of the output from the royalty, inasmuch as some claims do not pay wages. Free milling propositions had been discovered and large sums would be obtained from them. He thought it most important that a resident judge should be appointed. The judicial part of the gold commissioner's duty should be taken out of his hands and placed in the hands of a resident judge. It was imperative that during the open season facilities should exist for the speedy settlement of disputes. Up to three years ago the gold commissioner had power to decide disputes, and the speaker liked the old order of things. If there was an appeal, the party could take the appeal, but there were very few. One other phase of the question was brought to his attention by Mr. Featherstonehaugh, manager of the Anaconda mine at Atlin. The company wanted 160 acres of land, and all they were offered by the government was five acres. The government should have dealt more liberally with the company, which had taken in a large quantity of expensive machinery. It is true that a portion of the land wanted was reserved, but the government should have dealt in a liberal spirit, as the land was urgently required.

Along Pine creek good results had been obtained in quartz prospects, and he thought that ultimately the results would prove most astonishing. In regard to the roads and trails, they were entirely inadequate to afford proper transportation facilities. A great deal of expensive machinery would be taken into the country, and good roads were required. From Atlin to Surprise Lake is fifteen miles, and at this point no less than fifteen creeks converge. He thought it would be wise for the government to establish a sub-recording office there. This would save the miners a long trip to the main office. He closed by asking that the board should impress upon the government the great possibilities of Atlin district and the necessity of making proper amendments to the mining laws. (Applause.)

W. Wallace Grime, the next speaker, was of the opinion that there were a good many things affecting the district which required attention, and he thought a series of resolutions passed by the board would have a good effect. It should, for one thing, be made impossible for claim jumping to continue. When the miner has staked a claim and paid the recording fees, the miner should be given a certificate entitling him to keep it. The matter was easy of remedy. A good deal of the trouble was undoubtedly caused by entering claims in names instead of by numbers. Then in respect to the amount of work done—it makes no difference how much work the miner does, he is not assisted in getting a title. There is no provision for securing title to a placer claim. Then in respect to hydraulic leases. There is an expenditure of $1,000 per year required. This he thought should be extended over a period of two years. More and better roads and trails were needed, so as to facilitate the getting in of supplies. With respect to hospital accommodation, alluded to by Mrs. Hitchcock, the matter had been taken up by the Presbyterian residents, though it was one which the government should have attended to.

The powers of the gold commissioner were obviously too limited, and he hoped they would be extended. The commissioner should be placed in a position to settle disputes. There would unquestionably be a good deal of confusion this year again. Mr. Semlin had promised last year to send in a legal luminary, but it was months before he appeared on the scene, though he did good work after he got there. As another point, he thought it would be well for the government to get information as to the amount it would be necessary to expend in order to make the river which enters Taku arm navigable. He also thought the size of placer claims—100 feet—too small. It should be extended to 250 feet, as in the Yukon. As it is now, they are too small to work to advantage. Experienced miners say there is no room for a dump. But the most important point of all to be dealt with in any question of reform was that referring to claim jumping. Matters should be arranged as is the case with mineral claims.

As the customs brokers' charges are very heavy, the brokers last season made an arrangement with the Dominion government to establish a Canadian customs office at Skagway, and this reduced the charges very much. But now they are compelled to pay a portion of the charges for the office at Bennett, and the office at Skagway may be closed. The matter was an important one to shippers, and he suggested it should be inquired into by the board.

Another important point to which attention should be given was the necessity of laying before the people of Great Britain information regarding the great district of Atlin. Very little is known there about the country, and he suggested that steps should be taken to dissipate the ignorance prevailing.

In his opinion the board owed some little amends to Atlin. If he was not mistaken, the board had passed a resolution favoring the Alien Exclusion Act, which measure had done incalculable harm to the district. Now that the act had been vetoed Atlin would be benefitted by the board taking steps to inform the outside world to that effect. (Applause.)

C. Dubois Mason, the next speaker, regretted he was not present to hear what Mrs. Hitchcock had said, but was familiar with conditions in Atlin and impressed with the necessity of reform in certain directions. The placer act should be so altered as to sweep away all the contentions that are made by claim jumpers. Justice Irving had dealt with this phase of the question when he was up there last summer, brushing aside all technicalities and settling the cases on their merits. Mr. Mason quoted from the act, pointing out the objections in various clauses. He thought the act should be amended as was suggested by Lieut.-Governor McInnes, one of which, and a most important one, was the recording the claims by number and not by name. There might be one claim recorded as "Jim," another as "Bill," and so on; and there was absolutely nothing to show that they were not one and the same claim. There were no means of finding out. After claims have been recorded they should be surveyed by the government surveyor; and if any piece between the boundaries are not taken up, they should be sold to the highest bidder, giving the preference to the adjoining claim owners.

A county court judge should be appointed. As it is at present, there was only a stipendiary magistrate. What is needed is a strong county court judge. There was plenty of work for him to do. Another grievance is that there is no proper provision for protecting those who go in on lays. There should be some clause in the act showing who is behind the man who goes in on a lay, as at present several men had been called upon to pay sums of money for which they were not liable.

Mrs. Hitchcock—I can testify to that being the case. I was called upon to pay several hundred dollars on a claim which I had purchased for debts contracted by a man who, previous to the purchase, had had the claim on a lay.

Mr. Mason, continuing, thought this was a great injustice. The gold commissioner should have certain powers restored so that he might be enabled to settle these disputes. Mr. Graham was a good man, but most inadequately paid, and he would like to see his salary increased, as he was most inadequately paid.

The White Pass railroad had spent a vast amount of money in opening up the country, and he thought the company should be supported. It would be unwise, in his opinion, to support the building of a competing line from Dyea. If any other road tapped the country it should be an all-Canadian route. He hoped the Kitimaat proposition would be taken up again, but it would discourage capital from going into Kitimaat if support was extended to the Dyea road. There had been some complaints about freight rates on the White Pass railway, but he did not think the rates exorbitant.

Victoria must wake up if she wants to push trade with Atlin. Up to a short time ago it was impossible to get a Victoria paper there. And the merchants should advertise in the local papers more extensively, give prices and particulars of their wares. And proper amusements for returning miners should not be overlooked. Seattle was making a great bid to hold the returning miners. (Applause.)

A. L. Belyea, Q. C., who made a few remarks, at the invitation of the chair, was of the opinion that the mining laws required radical changes. The laws of thirty years ago were no doubt all right, then, but they were unsuitable now—certainly the more so in consequence of the Atlin country to the Yukon. The same condition of disorder in Atlin would undoubtedly exist this year. He had heard that William creek—one of the richest creeks—had all been re-staked. This was no doubt attributable to the legislation of last year. What is wanted is common-sense laws. It was a great disadvantage not to have a resident judge.

Capt. Worsnop, next called upon to give expression to his views, explained that he came more to hear what was going on than to take part in the discussion. In regard to British Columbia, if he were called upon to preach a sermon on the province, he would choose as his text, "God helps those who help themselves." British Columbia must help herself. What Mrs. Hitchcock had said was correct. Capital is knocking at a barred gate. He had been told in London that capital is ready when British Columbia is ready. A friend had told him that he had written to the agent-general for information two years ago, and had got no reply yet. He was of the opinion that the resources of British Columbia would put South Africa in the shade, and there was a great amount of capital in London which would have been invested in British Columbia last winter if we had good laws. As it was, if he mentioned British Columbia to capitalists in London, they would set the dog on him. He had great faith in Atlin and the whole of the province, but the people must help themselves. (Applause.)

Mr. Crease agreed with the last speakers in regard to the need of a county court judge and the necessity of provision for giving a good title to claim-owners. As it is, a mineral claim can get a title for an expenditure of $500, but a hydraulic proposition not for an expenditure of $500,000, and the latter was liable to lose the property at any time. A man should have a crown grant. An objection to this is that the land may be of some value to the government. A cure for that would be to put a small tax on the property, and if the claim was unprofitable to work, the man would drop it.

Mr. Grant moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hitchcock, which was seconded by Mr. Helmcken, and the meeting adjourned.

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